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Charley recovery: High school stu-dents got up well before dawn to resume classes Monday for the first time since Hurricane Charley tore through Port Charlotte, Fla., 17 days ago, sharing their building with crosstown rivals whose school fared worse.

Free breakfast was offered to all takers at Port Charlotte High School, where students were squeezed into an early schedule to allow the visiting Charlotte High School students to get going early in the afternoon.

Church abuse: Lawyers for hundreds of alleged victims of sexual abuse by Roman Catholic priests estimate that their clients' claims could cost the Archdiocese of Los Angeles more than \$1.5 billion, the largest amount ever paid out by a diocese, according to court documents

Attorney Raymond P. Boucher said the amount is based on verdicts and settlements in clergy abuse cases nationwide and is consistent with secret estimates of local claims done by a Los Angeles judge earlier this year, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

Economic indicator: After taking a rest in June, the nation's consumers were full of energy last month, boosting their spending by 0.8 percent, a hopeful sign the economy may be emerging from a summer funk.

The over-the-month increase in consumer spending, reported by the Commerce Department on Monday, marked a turnaround from the 0.2 percent decline registered in June, when high energy prices and a sluggish job market made for more cautious buy-

Elizabeth Smart kidnapping: The two people evaluating the man charged with kidnapping Elizabeth Smart have never snoken

with him, and the judge in the case has said they disagree on nearly every aspect of his psychology

A hearing to determine whether Brian David Mitchell is competent to stand trial was scheduled to start Tuesday and last three days, but it could take much longer to deter mine whether Mitchell



is competent, or able to aid in his defense. The two court-appointed experts "are not close to being in agreement," Judge Judith Atherton has said in Salt Lake City

World

U.N. deadline for Sudan: Sudan, awaiting word on whether it will be sanctioned by the international community, hones for a "reasonable decision" from the U.N. Security Council, the foreign minister said Monday, the U.N.-imposed deadline for quelling violence in its western Darfur provinces.

Mustafa Osman Ismail's remarks came as a U.S. State Department official made a firsthand American assessment of conditions for thousands of people displaced by fighting between Sudanese and rebel forces and



Living with flood waters: Residents wade through flood waters that continue to inundate the low-lying town of Calumpit, Philippines, in Bulacan province north of Manila on Monday. The floods, brought about by heavy monsoon rains last week, affected about 1.3 million people in metropolitan Manila and the main Philippine island of Luzon, with the death toll climbing to at least 35 Monday.

by attacks from Arab militiamen known as Janaiaweed.

The visit by Constance Berry Newman, assistant secretary of state for African affairs, follows tours by U.N. teams who report Tuesday to Secretary-General Kofi Annan on whether the government is doing all it can to rein in the Janjaweed.

Gaza Strip settlements: Israeli Prime Minster Ariel Sharon wants all 21 Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip evacuated at the same time, instead of in three stages, officials said Monday, reflecting a major shift in position

On Monday, Sharon and Defense Minis-ter Shaul Mofaz presented the new plan to the Security Cabinet, a forum of senior ministers, setting off a heated debate.

Charges in attempted coup: Two South Africans acquitted by a Zimbabwe court of weapons charges related to an alleged coup plot in Equatorial Guinea were charged Monday with violating their country's anti-mercenary laws.

Separately, the Justice Ministry said Monday South Africa is considering a request by Equatorial Guinea to question Mark Thatcher, son of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, about his alleged involvement in the foiled coup plot in the oil-rich west African nation.

A total of 88 men are now in custody in South Africa, Equatorial Guinea and Zimbabwe in connection with the plot allegedly foiled in March.

Bangladesh protest: A general strike to protest a recent grenade attack that killed 20 people at an opposition political rally brought Bangladesh to a near standstill

Shops and schools were closed and most traffic halted across the country during the dawn-to-dusk strike called by opposition Awami League activists. It was the fourth strike in a week

Jewish center attack: French police detained a man Monday believed to be responsible for a recent arson attack on a Jewish community center in Paris, judicial officials

The suspect did not appear to have been motivated by anti-Semitism, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Serbia-Montenegro's U.N. bid: Romanian President Ion Iliescu on Monday voiced support for Serbia-Montenegro's desire to join the European Union, saying it would stabilize the volatile Balkan region. Romania is seeking to join the EU in 2007.

War on terrorism

Afghan torture hearing: A hearing for three Americans charged with torturing Afghans on a private anti-terror mission was postponed on Monday for 10 days at the defendants' request after they brought in American lawvers.

Jonathan Idema, Edward Caraballo and Brent Bennett, who are also charged with kidnapping and holding Afghans in a makeshift jail, were due in court Monday for what had been expected to be the decisive hearing.

Pakistan defends terror record: Pakistan on Monday claimed it had the best record in the international war on terrorism, and rejected allegations that Taliban rebels were finding sanctuary on its soil.

"Our effort has been second to none in terms of results. Nobody's record matches ours," Foreign Ministry spokesman Masood Khan told a news conference.

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Al-Sadr urges followers to stop fighting

BY TODD PITMAN

The Associated Press BAGHDAD - Rebel Shiite

cleric Muqtada al-Sadr called for his followers across Iraq to end fighting against U.S. and Iraqi forces and is planning to join the political process in the coming days, an al-Sadr aide said Monday

Meanwhile, Iraqi oil exports came to a halt after a rash of insurgent attacks on the country's petroleum infrastructure, the country's main source of income, senior oil company officials and the governor of the southern province of Basra said.

Nevertheless, oil prices fell as traders continued a selloff amid easing fears that disruptions in Iraq, Russia or Venezuela could cause a supply squeeze.

The announcement by al-Sadr came as his aides were trying to negotiate an end to fighting in the Baghdad slum of Sadr City and in the southern city of Basra, where clashes have continued even after a peace deal was reached in jaf, the holy city where al-Sadr militiamen battled U.S. and Iraqi forces for three weeks

Al-Sadr also called for U.S. and Iraqi forces to withdraw from the center of Iraqi cities, Sheik Ali Smeisim told The Associated Press. However, that did not appear to be a condition for the unilateral cease-fire.

"I call on the interim Iraqi government to have patience ... and to pull back the American and Iraqi forces from the center of Iraqi cities," Smeisim said, speaking on behalf of al-Sadr. "At the same time I call on the forces of the Mahdi Army (militia) to stop firing until the announcement of the political program adopted by the Sadrist move-

When asked if the cease-fire would take effect immediately, he said: "I hope so.

The announcement could provide a major boost to the government of interim Prime Minister Avad Allawi. Al-Sadr has fiercely opposed the continued U.S. pres ence in Iraq and has denounced Allawi's government as dependent on the Americans - but if he decides to join politics, it would suggest al-Sadr's acceptance of the U.S.-backed political process due to lead to elections in January.

Allawi has also demanded al-Sadr disband his Mahdi Army militia, but the aides did not say the cleric was considering doing so. The militia has emerged intact from the weeks of fighting with U.S. forces, and al-Sadr has gained popularity among some sectors of Shiites, particularly the poor.

"This latest initiative shows that we want stability and security in this country by ending all confrontation in all parts of Iraq, said Sheik Raed al-Khadami.



A worker does routine maintenance on an oil pipeline near Basra, Iraq, on Monday. According to a senior oil official, oil exports from southern Iraq, which account for nearly 90 percent of total exports, have ground to a complete halt because of insurgent attacks on pipelines.

al-Sadr's spokesman in Baghdad. "Al-Sadr's office in Najaf will call within the next two days to join the political process.

Al-Sadr visited the Imam Ali Shrine in the city of Najaf for the first time since his militia left the holy site of Friday after weeks of using it as a stronghold and ref-uge during the fighting with the Americans Al-Sadr asked religious authori-

ties for permission to enter the shrine and made a brief visit on Monday, according to the office

of Grand Avatollah Ali al-Sistani. Iraq's top Shiite cleric.

Uprisings by al-Sadr's fighters this month and in April increased the security problems faced by Allawi's government, on top of the Sunni Muslim-led insurgency that has plagued Iraq since the fall of Saddam Hussein more

A roadside bomb hit a U.S. military convoy on a road near the northern city of Mosul on Sunday, killing one American soldier and wounding two others, the Army

than a year ago.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Friday, 968 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 724 died as a result of hostile action and 244 died of nonhostile causes

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, 10; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 830 U.S. troops have died — 615 as a result of hostile action and 215 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers Friday. The department did not provide an undate on Sunday. ■ The latest deaths reported

by U.S. Central Command or family members: A soldier was killed in Iraq when his fuel truck hit a land mine.

■ The latest identifications reported by the military: No identifications reported.

said Monday.

Oil exports, which have been falling for days because of a string of insurgent attacks, came to a complete stop from southern pipelines, which account for 90 percent of Iraq's exports, after an explosion Sunday.

Two senior officials of the South Oil Co., speaking Monday on the condition of anonymity, said the southern lines were not likely to resume operations for at least a week. Iraq's other export avenue, a northern pipeline to the Turkish Mediterranean port of Ceyhan, also carried no oil Monday, according to an oil official in

Convicted GI testifies against Pfc. England

By ESTES THOMPSON The Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. - A soldier already convicted in the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal testified Monday that fellow Army reservist Pfc. Lynndie England was a willing participant in creating the "human pyramid" of naked Iraqi detainees shown in infamous photographs from Iraq.

Pvt. Jeremy C. Sivits testified at a hearing in England's case that he helped escort one detainee into the Baghdad prison one night in December 2003. He said a sergeant who was in charge ordered England and another soldier to stop "stomping on the fingers and toes" of a detainee.

After that sergeant left, Sivits testified, he watched as Spc. Charles Graner Jr. and others stacked seven naked detainees who had bags over their heads, in

the human pyramid and photographed them The photos included shots of

England, 21, smiling and pointing at one detainee's genitals and nosing behind the pyramid.

'Corporal Graner seemed like he was enjoying it," said Sivits, of the Maryland-based 372nd Military Police Company. He testified that England was "having a good

Sivits pleaded guilty in the scandal and is serving a year in prison. He testified by telephone Monday from the brig at Camp Leieune.

England is one of seven members of the 372nd charged in the scandal. Graner has been portraved as the group's ringleader. Staff Set. Ivan "Chin" Frederick II announced last week that he would plead guilty to some of the charges against him.

The hearing, which began earli-er this month, is to determine



Army Pfc. Lynndie England exits her car Monday in a driving rain at Fort Bragg, N.C., upon arriving at her Article 32 hearing on charges of abusing Iraqi detainees at the Abu Ghraib prison.

whether England, a personnel clerk from Fort Ashby, W.Va., should face a court-martial on 13 counts of abusing detainees and six counts stemming from possession of sexually explicit photos not involving detainees. If convicted, she could get up to 38 years in prison.

Defense mum on tactic for accused info-sharer

By MELANTHIA MITCHELL The Associated Press

SEATTLE - The defense for Spc. Ryan Anderson faces a black-and-white challenge: The tank crewman is shown on videotape willingly sharing military information with federal undercover agents he believed to be al-Oaida members.

Anderson, 27, was set to begin his court-martial Monday on charges he tried to help the terrorist group. The trial at Fort Lewis, south of Seattle, was expected to last five days.

Anderson pleaded innocent Aug. 9 to five counts of trying to provide the al-Oaida terrorist network with information about U.S. troop strength and tactics, as well as methods for killing American soldiers

Anderson, a member of the

81st Armor Brigade now in Iraq, faces life in prison without parole. A conviction requires agreement by two-thirds of a panel of commissioned officers. Anderson.



court-martial be heard by commissioned officers rather than a judge

Muslim

Anderson or a mixed panel of offic-

ers and enlisted soldiers

Specifics of the case have been guarded, with Anderson's attorney, Maj. Joseph Morse, and military prosecutor, Maj. Chris Jenks, refusing to comment.

Forget the human enemy. Humvee gunners in Najaf face something just as bad:

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of the 3rd Battalion, 153rd

Infantry Regiment of the

Arkansas National Guard

Humvee gunner

Spc. Tim Collins

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By JASON CHIIDY Stars and Stripes

NAJAF, Iraq sk Humvee gunner Spc. Tim Collins of the 3rd Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment of the Arkansas National Guard about what worried him most about fighting in Najaf, and the answer

is surprising. wasn't enemy fire, but rather low-hang-ing electrical wires and steel rehar.

"Around here it's pretty bad, said the 27-year-old from Pocahontas, Ark "It'll either pull you out or decapitate von. He and his driv-

er, Spc. Jimmy Ingram, 32, of Imhoden. Ark spent more than two weeks racing through Najaf's sometimes narrow and always debris-strewn streets, deliver-

ing personnel, supplies or providing supporting fire for Company C, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, all the while dodging low-hanging wires and rebar, the steel reinforcement bars used in construction

Their platoon was attached to Company C before the Najaf

"I believe that's what got [one soldier] last night," Collins said to Ingram. "One guy in the 2-7 Cav got electrocuted, but he didn't

The soldier Collins referred to received cuts and bruises to his chin from either low-hanging wire or a piece of rebar that had flown up from the

Many of the power lines that 44 Around here [the throughout run the old section of town, where all the fighting took place, hang low above the street, having been strung by residents tapping into

> When 2-7 Cay arrived in Najaf. hundreds of wires hung along the length of every street, like giant spider webs.

the main lines.

Realizing the danger, soldiers took steps to mini-

"We sent the tanks through first," said Capt. Peter Glass, commander of Company C. 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment. His unit was attached to 2-7 Cav for



A soldier looks down a Najaf street through a thick web of electrical wires. The wires are a threat to Humvee gunners, as is rebar sticking out from damaged buildings or those which had been under construction before the fighting started. Rebar also has lodged in the tracks of tanks and Bradleys during the fight.

the Najaf fighting.

The tanks have a .50-caliber machine gun mounted highest on its turret, and when they came back from a mission "the .50 cal looked like a mummy," said Capt. Jason Toepfer, commander of Company C, 2-7 Cav. "We had a couple of guys helping them [re-move wire]. They were taking off hundreds of feet of wire.'

Even after dozens of runs down Najaf's streets by dozens of vehicles, dangling wires remained a problem. Gunfire would cause a new batch of broken wires, which would drop straight down or loop down across the street

Drivers, Collins said, needed to be an extra set of eves for the gunner to warn him of the danger.

"Jimmy's really good at yelling 'Wire, drop!' " Collins said of In-



Humvee gunner Spc. Tim Collins, left, passes on a radio message to Spc. Jimmy Ingram before a resupply mission for soldiers of Company C, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment. Collins said that the gunner and driver need to work together as a team to keep the vehicle out of danger and the gunner out of low hanging wires and rebar. Collins and Ingram are assigned to the Arkansas Army National Guard's 3rd Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment, Their platoon was attached to 2-7 Cay for the Najaf fighting.

gram. "He's always telling me something."

The placement of the turret, which is determined by the vehicle's position in the group or by enemy action, may put them at a disadvantage for the wires. You've gotta have your turret

forward," said Ingram. "[The wire] just gets on the [M]240 [machine gunl, and it's bolted in, so it just rips it out. If the turret is facing to the right or left of the truck, it'll do a number on the turret." "In the daytime you can see it,

but nighttime is rough on us," said Staff Sgt. David Specking of the 3-153rd "Even if you can see it with

see anything coming at him. A

metal shield protects the soldier's

back from fire or wire, but even if

the shield catches the wire

there's a possibility of injury.

ing down or sticking out from the concrete," Specking said. Piles of the inch-thick rebar night vision [goggles] you can't also sat on the ground, waiting to judge the distance. be pulled into the tracks of a pass-Whether day or night, wheneving tank or Bradley fighting vehi-cle. This sometimes puts the Braer the gunner is facing backward on an armored Humvee, he can't

dleys out of action for a while. "We had to call a welder a couple of times to get it out," Glass

"A lot of times it'll break on the

One cable broke that way on

Rebar, Collins worried, would

"Rebar will go right through you," Collins said.

And rebar, Company C soldiers

say, is everywhere. "My area of

responsibility was ... in a con-struction area," Glass said. "A lot of the buildings that

were blown up have rebar hang-

him. "It slapped me upside the face and left a welt." he said.

do worse than leave a welt.

shield back, but it'll come around

and hit you in the face or chest. Collins said.

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A Company C. 2nd Battalion. 7th Cavalry Regiment soldier watches for the enemy as other company mem bers unload food from two Humvees at their forward position in Najaf. Gunners for the Humvees have to worry about enemy fire and low-hanging wires and rebar, such as that sticking up from the construction site in back, during these missions.

France won't repeal ban on head scarves

Officials refuse demands of militants holding 2 French journalists in Iraq

BY ELAINE GANLEY The Associated Press

PARIS - France's government insisted Monday that it would go ahead with a ban on Muslim head scarves in schools, standing firm against scrapping the law just hours before a deadline set by Islamic mil itants holding two French journalists in Iraq.
"The law will be applied" when school doors open

Thursday, government spokesman Jean-Francois Cope said.

But hours after Muslim leaders at home and abroad began to rally around France with statements of support and calls on the shadowy Islamic Army of Iraq to

free the two reporters, Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot, one of the hostages called on French President Jacques Chirac to give in to militants' demand to scind the head scarf ban to save their lives, according to a video shown early Tuesday on the Al-Jazeera television station.

In Paris, two marches con-verged on a square near the Eiffel Tower, with hundreds of people chanting "Free the hostages

In a video shown on Al-Jazeera

In a video snown on Al-Jazeera
on Saturday night, the militant
group called the ban "an aggression on the Islamic religion and personal freedoms" and demanded it be rescinded within 48 hours — which would be sometime Monday night There was no explicit threat made toward the hos-

tages, but a militant group with a similar name was believed to have killed an Italian freelance journalist last week after Italy's government rejected a demand that it withdraw its 3,000 soldiers in Iraq

Before the video, the last time anyone heard from the French journalists was Aug. 19. The kidnapping has been a shock to many in

France, which opposed the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq

and has pursued generally pro-Arab policies.
"The French have discovered that having opposed

the Iraq war does not make them immune from the wrath of Islamists," said Bruno Tertrais at the Foundation for Strategic Research.

The measure's passage in March triggered protests by Muslims, as well as turban-wearing Sikhs, around

e world, who argued it is discriminatory.

While the law bans all "conspicuous" religious apparel, such as Jewish skullcaps and large Christian crosses, it is really aimed at Muslim head scarves in public schools. Many French fear their secular nation, which has the biggest Islamic population in western Europe with 5 million Muslims, is under threat from a rising tide of Islamic fundamentalism

Still, Muslim activists in the Middle East appealed to the hostage takers Monday and offered praise for France's anti-war stance on Iraq.

"Because of France's distinguished position in rejecting the Anglo-American occupation of Iraq, we appeal to the people who kidnapped the journalists to spare their lives," said the Islamic Action Front, Jordan's largest opposition group.

In Beirut, Lebanon's most senior Shiite Muslim cleric, Grand Ayatollah Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah renewed his religious edict against the kidnapping of foreigners and called for the release of the two French

"The kidnapping [of foreigners] runs contrary to " Fadlallah said in his the Quranic Islamic principles," Fa edict, faxed to The Associated Press

In Egypt to lead diplomatic efforts to free the jour-French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier called the demand to drop the French law "incomprehensible.

However, there were signs of anger when it was ssed, including an ominous message for France six months ago from the top lieutenant of Osama bin Laden. An audiotape with a voice attributed to Avman al-Zawahri, aired Feb. 24 on Al-Arabiya television, said the law on head scarves "is another example of the Crusader's malice which Westerners have against



An Iragi woman walks Monday past a mural on the blast wall that surrounds the French Embassy in Baghdad. France vowed to press ahead with a law banning Islamic head scarves in schools, despite demands by militants holding two French journalists hostage in Iraq.

Making 'to serve and protect' the motto of the Iraqi police

BY LISA BURGESS Stare and Strings

BAGHDAD - "To serve and protect" is the motto of police denartments across the United States. Most police officers take the position as a moral duty, not

But in the 30 years Saddam Hussein was in power, things were different for Iraqi police. They had the financial outlook of many American waiters: Salary was minimal; the real money was in tins

Up to now, Iraqis seeking police assistance have been going to the Americans with their complaints, according to a translator for the 1st Cavalry Division. "We tell them to go to the Iraqi police, he said, "and they say, 'We do, but they won't help us, and ask us for

Capt. Reggie Kornegay, 33, who grew up on the streets of Harlem, N.Y., is not judgmental about the Iraqi police's former operating techniques. He said he understands why police working under Saddam did what they did

"If the police were corrupt, it was because the entire system was corrupt," said Kornegay, a ci-vilian police officer for seven years and now a civil affairs officer with the 478th Civil Affairs Battalion. He is currently attached to the 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment in Baghdad



Capt. Reggie Kornegay, a civil affairs officer with the 478th Civil Affairs Battalion who is attached to the 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment in Baghdad, goes over last-minute preparations for the inaugural class of the Iraqi Police Leaders Operational Assistance and Development Course with interpreter Nora Issam.

You don't blame individual officers if the leadership did not instill" the service ethic, he said.

But in order to "establish the true legitimacy" of the Iraqi police force, that has to change, he said. And now, "all the tools are

present" for a professional force.

The coalition has invested millions of dollars in the new force. In the past year, thousands of Iraqi police officers have undergone coalition-sponsored training

in the fundamentals of tactical police work. Most have weapons and uniforms, and most police stations have been rebuilt to provide

protection against attack. But something basic is still missing: "We need to instill the characteristics of a police depart-ment," said Kornegay, who has been assigned to training Iraqi police. "Anyone will tell you it's not

"Hell, the [Iraqi police] leaders will tell you it's not there.

That's why Sunday morning at Forward Operating Base Head-hunter, 20 Iraqi police patrol and section leaders sat in a makeshift classroom, listening to trainers explain the curriculum for the new five-day Iraqi Police Leaders Operational Assistance and Development Course

The sessions will emphasize community policing, ethics and professional standards of behav-

The original six trainers for the course are Kornegay, two Iraqi interpreters along with Spc. Sean Martin, Sgt. Melvin Slagle and Staff Sgt. Kelsey Groff, all members of Company C, 1st Battalion, 153rd Infantry, of the Arkansas National Guard.

Kornegay hopes that what the staff is trying to teach the Iraqis will make a big difference to the police force — and to Iraq as a

"When the Iraqi police can effectively operate and protect the community, we will see a drastic change in the sentiments of the people," Kornegay said. "Professional policing saves lives.

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Curbing crime in Kaiserslautern's pub zone

569th U.S. Forces Police Squadron helps German police keep the peace in bar district

BY MARNI MCENTEE Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany - In the early hours of Saturday morning, five figures cut a distinct upright swath through the beery, giggling revelers weaving along Kaiserslautern's pub

Air Force Staff Sgt. Christopher Casey, Army Staff Sgt. Jessie Goff, and German civilian and squadron member Bernd Hemmer, along with two German policemen, were making their rounds on foot to curb crime and disorder during K-Town's raucous weekends.

"When I first started, it was uncontrollable downtown," said Casey, 26, of Killington, Vt. "There was lots of action on the streets."

So much so that German police decided to invite Casey's unit, the 569th U.S. Forces Police Squadron, to join them in the foot patrols on Friday and Saturday

The 569th, which always patrols off-base, is in charge of a region about the size of Rhode Island, stretching from Pirmasens to Frankfurt. At its heart is Kaiserslautern's restaurant and bar district, where dozens of watering holes and dance clubs attract the voung and the reckless.

"We wanted to be more proactive and show a presence, Master Sgt. Leo Birch III, the squadron's noncommissioned officer-in-charge of law enforcement and security.

The joint German-American patrols have several benefits. The U.S. military police are there to translate when Americans get in trouble, and will handle most of the cases in which Americans are involved. It makes it easier for the Germans and Americans to share case information and track crime

And, so far, it appears to

44 You've gotta bite working. From April to June this year, the squadron handled 46 drunken-driving cases; 78 assaults or domestic violence cases: nine sexual assaults: and 142 larceny Birch said. After the foot patrols started, between July and August albeit a month shorter time period - the unit handled 18 DUIs, 37 assaults or domes-

tic violence cases, one sexual assault and 107 larcenies.

"Our presence has made a difference," Birch said.

Foot patrols are used on occasion near other Air Force bases in Europe. Security forces squadrons at RAF Lakenheath and RAF Mildenhall, England, period-



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From left, German civilian and 569th U.S. Forces Police Squadron member Bernd Hemmer, Air Force Staff Sgt. Christopher Casey and Army Staff Sgt. Jessie Goff patrol a bar district with German Polizei officers in Kaiserslautern, Germany, on Friday night. The rowdy pub zone was becoming uncontrollable, so German officials asked the Squadron to help out on Friday and Saturday nights.

ically patrol with the constabulary in areas frequented by off-duty troops, base officials said

Air Force police have long patrolled the bar zones where troops are stationed in Korea.

And the Navy routinely sends teams of sailors on "shore patrol," to walk bar districts to deter shipmates from getting into trouble or to help those who might have had too much to drink.

Friday night's town patrol in Kaiserslautern was a little unusual. An American Forces News reporter's bright camera lights

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Christopher Casey

569th U.S. Forces

Police Squadron

Staff Sgt.

gave the patrol the look of an on-location movie shoot. That seemed to fascinate drunken passers-by, mugged for the camera and made inane remarks to

the nolice

jumped from his seat in a bar, ran out the door and shouted "Hev! I'm gay! I'm gay! Come and get

A few partiers, obviously American by their lingo. T-shirts and baseball caps, heckled the police, then quickly scurried away.

Casey and Goff, a National Guard soldier with the 2nd Battalion, 115th Field Artillery Regiment from Lexington, Tenn., kept a steely front. They said they get a lot of guff from drunken U.S. troops, even when the TV camer-

"You've gotta bite your tongue sometimes." Casev said. "I really don't care what they say. We're

One man approached the group

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to complain about Americans' bad behavior downtown.

"They don't know their limits," said Manuel Lamas, who lives in Kaiserslautern. "They walk down the streets screaming. They pee on the walls. They throw bottles.

German police officer Christoph Mauer, night duty officer for the Polizei's downtown station. said Americans are only part of the problem. Germans, Russians and Turks make their share of trouble as well. Drinking and drug use are the catalysts, Mauer

One obviously inebriated airman, who was wearing an earring and had three pretty girls on his arm, stopped to have a chat with the military police.

'It's good they're here," he said. "There has been some pretty serious stuff happen down

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Pordenone Pedala brings it all together

Road race combines Italian passions of food, friends, family, cycling

BY KENT HARRIS Stars and Stripes

PORDENONE, Italy — You don't have to live in Italy long to realize that the locals take bicycle riding seriously.

Professional cyclists are probably second only to soccer stars among the country's sports heroes. And, on even a short drive, it is normal to pass an elderly person or a group of teens in uniform pedaling on the side of the road. But there are a few things Italians take even more seriously: Food, friends and family.

Throw out the soccer and add the other four loves together and you have the Pordenone Pedala. The annual event — not a race —turns 32 on Sunday with a 42-ki-

lometer course through Pordenone and towns to the south. "It's something to do on a Sunday and something fun to do with

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your friends," says Linda Romanin, an American who works in the legal office for the 31st Fighter Wing at nearby Aviano Air

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Organizer Demetrio Moras the man behind the event every year of its existence — says he won't allow more than 5,000 people to participate. As of Thursday, he already had more than 4,000 entrants.

Logistically, getting that many people on bikes around a 42-kilometer course and feeding them lunch and dinner is enough of a challenge, he says. So those who don't register in time will have to wait until next year.

And there always seems to be a next year. In fact, Moras, who owns an office supply store near the starting line in downtown Pordenone, already has a good idea of where the course will run 44 It's something to do on a Sunday and something fun to do with your friends.

Linda Romanin

31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy

Speaking through an interpreter, he says the city of Brugnera is a likely destination. Last year, Aviano was included in the route. In fact, it was the place where those biking broke for lunch.

This year, that place is Pravisdomini, about 12 miles south of Pordenone. The route, which will be blocked off by a combination of volunteers and local police, also passes through Corva, Cinque Strade, Azzano Decimo,

Chions, Panigai, Villacriccola, Fagnigola, Le Fratte and Tiezzo.

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Lunch consists of a sandwich at Pravisdomini. Local grocery chain Conad is donating most of the supplies. Local Italian army units will cook a pasta dinner.

The race isn't supposed to be competitive, so no awards will be given to the fastest riders. And those who break down should be well cared for. About a dozen doctors will be driving in vehicles along the route and will be joined by about 50 volunteers from the Italian Red Cross.

If a rider's bikes breaks, he or she might be able to ride along the route in a van while their bicycle is repaired in another van. That's not something that would fly in the Tour de France.

But Moras says even six-time tour winner Lance Armstrong wouldn't feel the need to be competitive in an event where three generations of families often ride together.

"He would ride slow," Moras says with a paternal smile.

Romanin said about 120 Americans participated last year. She's the contact person on base this year — call her at DSN 632-490— — and about 70 people from the base have registered so far. That's far fewer than the 700 or so spots reserved by the local Electrolux factory.

But Moras says everyone is welcome — provided they have a bike and register on time.

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Seeing what Dad does downrange

BY STEVE LIEWER

SCHWEINFURT, Germany — Sixteen-year-old B.J. Hinze lay flat on a mat, staring through the sight of his M16 rifle at a green man-shaped target 25 meters across the grass.

He squeezed the trigger. Boom! Down went the target. Boom! Down it went again. Twenty times — without a miss.

"I've shot a shotgun before, but nothing like this," said Hinze, grinning, after he had finished. "It's something I've wanted to try for a long time."

"Guy time" is limited these days for boys such as B.J., whose dad is serving in Iraq this year with the 1st Infantry Division. But on Monday, he and 35 other youngsters spent Monday in training with rear-detachment solders from the Schweinfurt-based 1st Battailon, 7th Field Artillery Regiment.

The unit's noncommissioned officers came up with the plan for the "Boys' Day Out" over the past 4½ weeks, said 1st Sgt. Wilbert Ebbs, the rear-detachment NCO in charge.

"We saw some of the boys in the battalion who seem a little lost with their fathers gone," Ebbs said. "We thought we'd get them out for some male-bonding type things"

The boys, ages 4 to 16, started

out in weapons-safety classes on the firing range at Schweinfurt's Victory Training Center. Then they practiced shooting with indoor rifle simulators, the same ones their fathers train on.

Finally they trekked out, two at a time, to the rifle range, clad in flak vests and Kevlar helmets. There, under the close supervision of Sgt. 1st Class Will Egbers and several assistants, they fired M4s and M16s — yes, with live ammunition — at targets placed in front of a grassy berm.

After they finished shooting, they ate a barbecue lunch. The kids bubbled over their new experience. Several said they thought such a powerful automatic rifle would kick harder against their shoulders.

"You couldn't feel a thing under all that armor," said Derrin King, 8. "After I shot the second or third shot, it was easy."

Capt. Matthew Lennox, the rear-detachment said it took some convincing at higher levels to get approval for a live-fire event involving children.

"There weren't a lot of people who thought bringing 5-year-olds out here was a good idea," he admitted. "[The NCOs] had a lot of naysayers early, but they pushed it through."

Sergeants divided the boys into squadrons and marched them from one training station to the next. Sgt. John Garcia called out



PHOTOS BY KRISTEN CHANDLER TOTH/Courtesy of the U.S. Arm

Third-grader Derrin King watches as Sgt. 1st Class William Egbers points toward the plastic target the boys will be shooting, while 5-year-old Steven Harrison looks on with nervous anticipation. The 1st Battlation, 7th Field Artillery Rear Detachment held a Boys Day Out event at the shooting range in Schweifurt on Monday.

cadence for his pint-sized charges. He called his squad the "Dragons," though one youngster piped up that he'd prefer to be a "Power Ranger."

"I enjoy being with the kids, and it gave them a taste of what their dads do," Garcia said. "We don't want them to forget their dads are doing an important job."

Lennox shot photos to send to the 1-7 Field Artillery's soldier-dads. The unit could use a boost: Six of its men have been killed since 1st ID deployed in February.

"I think it'll pay big dividends," he said. "It reassures them we're doing our job, taking care of their families."

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Sgt. John Garcia helps his son, Jonathan, take aim at a small paper target. Garcia taught a group of boys the basics of markmanship with this simulator, called the "Weaponeer."

New Garmisch resort now taking troops' reservations

Stars and Stripes

The Armed Forces Recreation Center's Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in the Bavarian Alps has begun taking reservations from troops who will be returning from downrange or are on rest and recuperation leave.

"Rooms are reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis," said Richard LeBrun, Edel-weiss' general manager, in a press release. "However, [we] will make sure to accommodate any servicemember and family wishing to participate in the Operation R&R Program, a program only for those on R&R or block leave with their unit."

The new resort is in Garmisch at the foot of the Zugspitze, the tallest peak in Germany, and is about a five-hour drive from Frankfurt.

Edelweiss' grand opening is scheduled for Sept. 15. Ski season opens the last weekend in November.

The two-night packages for troops and civilians on R&R cost \$90 for single occupancy and \$120 for two people in a room, including breakfast and dinner. Additional nights cost \$45 and \$60, respectively, per night.

\$60, respectively, per night.
Children 12 and younger can stay and eat for free, and the charge is \$18 for youths ages 13 to 17.

Additional nights can be booked at the same rate.

The resort is also open to Department of Defense civilian employees and retirees.

For information and reservations on rest and recuperation packages, call civilian (+49) (0)8821-72981 or DSN 440-2575. E-mails can be sent to

vacation@afrc.garmisch.army.mil. Title e-mails "R&R package. The resort's Web site is www.edelweisslodgeandresort.com

The 330-room hotel will include three restaurants, game rooms, parking garage and indoor pool. The visitors also can use the nine-hole golf course and campground.

Edelweiss, which was named for a flower native to the region, was built using a SS8 million loan taken out by the U.S. military. It consolidates former hotel operations in Garmisch and Chiemsee that were run by AFRC Europe. As things are set now, all the soldiers of the

Würzburg-based 1st Infantry Division who were deployed to Iraq will be eligible for two weeks of rest and recuperation in the coming months, according to Lt. Col. Chris Kolenda, the division's rear detachment commander.

"Some of the people will want to travel, some will want to stay home and some will want to go back home to the States," Kolenda said. "My advice to them is to just enjoy the time."

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Memorial service to be held for former DODDS teachers killed in crash

Stars and Stripes

HANAU, Germany — A memorial service will be held Thursday for a pair of former teachers who died in an automobile accident in late July. Beverly Elaine Whitaker, 60, and

Deverty Etaine Williams, oo, and William James Whitaker, 61, taught at Frankfurt High School, Hanau High School and Hanau Elementary School, where they retired from the Department of Defense Dependent Schools system in June 2003.

The couple was driving from their home in Florida to a son's wedding in Virginia on July 29 when they were involved in a multiple-car accident. According to newspaper reports, a car in one of the southbound lanes on Interstate 85 was struck from behind, causing it to veer into the northbound traffic. It collided with the Chevrolet Blazer the Whitakers were driving, and all three people were killed.

The Whitakers taught at DODDS schools for 31 years. They are survived by their sons, Cory and Kyle, who both graudated from Hanau High School.

The service will be held at 4 p.m. at the chapel on Pioneer Kaserne. Condolences may be sent to Hanau Middle School, Unit 20193, Box 16, APO AE 09165-0016, Attn: Whitaker Family, or can be posted on a Web site: 4allfree.com/cgi/gb.id?Whitaker

Court-martial to begin

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Court-martial proceedings begin Tuesday for a Ramstein airman accused of indecent assault stemming from an incident in a base dormitory.

Airman 1st Class John Williams, a pavements and construction apprentice with the 735th Civil Engineering Squadron, allegedly committed the offense against a woman on Aug. 15, 2003, in an on-base dormitory, Ramstein officials said. The charge is a violation of the Uni-

form Code of Military Justice's Article 134. According to a UCMJ Web site, if convicted, Williams faces a maximum penalty of a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and confinement for five years.

From staff reports

IN THE WORLD

Russia's choice wins Chechnya presidency

BY MIKE ECKEL

GROZNY, Russia — The Russias movernment's choice to lead warring Chechnya easily won a presidential election held in the wake of last week's terrorist destruction of two airliners, election officials said Monday. The opposition charged that voting was tainted by fraud.

Alu Alkhanov, the region's top police official, replaces Kremlin-backed president Akhmad Kadyrov, who was assassinated in a bomb attack in May.

Alkhanov received nearly 74 percent of the vote in Sunday's balloting, Chechen elections commission head Abdul-Kerim Arsakhanov said.

Other candidates complained of widespread violations in a vote that was shadowed by violence, including a man who blew himself up near a polling station in the Chechen capital Grozny.

Alkhanov also had received widespread coverage on local television and radio, while the six other candidates were seen little. Worries about terrorism were stoked by the crashes of the Russian airliners five days before the election; officials said traces of explosives were found in the wreckage, and there are suspicions two

Chechen women conducted the

suicide attacks



Kremlin-favored candidate Alu Alkhanov, who won the presidential election in warring Chechnya, speaks to the media in the Chechen capital of Grozny on Monday.

Candidate Abdullah Bugayev said he had formally complained to election officials after seeing several violations, including an Alkhanov campaign worker who ordered people to vote for him at a polling station. A representative of Movsur Khamidov, another candidate, said he found ballot boxes at a polling place stuffed shortly after the station opened.

The election was part of the Kremlin's strategy try to undermine support for separatist rebels who have been fighting Russian forces for nearly five years by inducing a sense of civil order in the republic.

An election last October based on that strategy brought Kadyrov to power, but he was killed in a bomb blast in Grozny, the Chechen capital, in May. Fighting, violent crime and abductions have continued unabated.

NATO authorities detain suspect in Kabul blast

U.S. tells citizens in Afghanistan to exercise caution

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

KABUL, Afghanistan — Investigators probing a deadly car bombing in the Afghan capital questioned a man detained at the Kabul airport with traces of explosives on his hands, officials said Monday, while U.S. authorities warned all Americans in the capital to be inconspicuous.

Taliban rebels claimed responsibility for Sunday's blast at a U.S. security firm, but officials said they are not ruling out any suspects, including al-Qaida. Hospital officials said 10 people were killed, including three Americans.

NATO troops grew suspicious of a man on the grounds of the Kabul airport on Sunday, spokesman I. Cmdr. Ken Mackillop said. After finding explosives on his hands, NATO turned the man over to Afghan authorities on Monday. The man was not identified.

"There is a suspicion against

him, but for now there is no link or proof that he was involved in yesterday's attack," Interior Ministry spokesman Latfullah Mashal said. The Tailban claimed responsibility for the blast and the office of Dyncorp Inc., which provides bodyguards for Afghan President Hamid Karzai and works for the American government in Iraq.



Guards secure the site of an explosion Sunday in Kabul, Afghanistan. The powerful explosion struck an office of an American security firm in downtown Kabul, killing 10 people and leaving the building in flames, officials said.

Security officials have issued repeated warnings in recent weeks that militants could step up attacks to disrupt the country's landmark Oct. 9 presidential election.

On Monday, the U.S. Embassy e-mailed Americans in Kabul to tell them to limit their movements, take strict security measures and avoid "potential target areas" such as government offices, military bases and upscale restaurants frequented primarily by foreigners.

U.N. staff were also urged to stay off the streets.

who claims to speak for the Taliban, said the Islamic radical group carried out the attack with a time bomb in a car. He warned that more attacks would follow. "We appeal to civilians to stay away from the elections and places where the Americans and coalition are living and working," Latifi told The Associated Press by telephone from an undisclosed location. "They are our priority targets."

His claim could not be verified independently, and Mackillop said investigators, including the FBI and Interpol, had closed off no line of inquiry.

There were conflicting reports of the number killed in the attack, but hospitals said they were holding 10 bodies, making it the deadliest violence in Kabul since a car bomb killed 30 Afghans and wounded 150 on Sept. 5, 2002.

Associated Press writers Amir Shah in Kabul and Noor Khan in Kandahar contributed to this report.

U.N. Kosovo head meets on elections

BY MISHA SAVIC The Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — Kosovo's new U.N. administrator met Monday with top Serbian officials over key general elections in the troubled, U.N.-run province, where an embittered and dwindling Serb community has threatened to boycott the vote.

Soren Jessen-Petersen of Denmark, who became head of the U.N. Kosovo mission earlier this month, met with Foreign Minister Vuk Draskovic, President Boris Tadic and Prime Minister Vojislav Kostunica.

"I need and I want to have an open, direct dialogue with the Belgrade (leadership), to make sure that I am aware ... of their concerns" while running the U.N. mission in Kosovo, Jessen-Petersen said after meeting Tadic.

Referring to scattered ethnically motivated violence against Serbs in Kosovo, the top U.N. official said his priority was to make "Kosovo secure for everybody living there."

Although the government in

Belgrade has no authority over Kosovo, it maintains some influence over Kosovo Serbs. Jessen-Petersen declined to

immediately disclose if he asked officials in Belgrade to try to persuade the Kosovo Serbs to take part in the province's general elections set for Oct. 23.

But LIN, spokesman Jeff Bie-

But U.N. spokesman Jeff Bieley said that "Mr. Jessen-Petersen repeatedly has stated that staying out of the democratic process would damage the interests of the Serb community."

In the few elections held in Kosovo so far, Serbs took part only reluctantly, arguing that their situation was deteriorating regardless of their cooperation.

An escalation of anti-Serb violence in March left 19 people dead and several thousand Serbs homeless. Up to 200,000 Serbs fled in the aftermath of the 1998-1999 Kosovo war.

"We want to see Kosovo as a respectful member of the region," the U.N. official said. "I am very pleased with the first meeting" with the Serbian leadership since becoming the sixth chief administrator of the U.N. mission established in 1999.

Porn film crew captures foiled robbery on camera

The Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — Police fired shots and foiled an armed robbery of a cash transport in downtown Oslo early Monday, as the dramatic showdown was captured on video by a crew filming a pornographic movie nearby.

At least three robbers, their faces covered by ski masks, threatened the unarmed guards of a cash transport vehicle at about 1:30 a.m. Passers-by saw the robbery attempt and alerted police.

Hans Halvorsen, head of the Oslo police crime unit, said normally unarmed police were issued weapons, and reached the scene in time to catch the robbers in the act.

"The robbers were arrested with a significant amount of cash," he

y on camera
said at a news conference. "We

can't say how much yet, but it was a lot."

Halvorsen confirmed that police

fired at the fleeing robbers.

The robbery took place at Aker
Brygge, an upscale shopping center and apartment complex on the
Oslo waterfront. A film crew was
making a porn movie in one of the
apartments, and heard shouting.

"We heard a lot of noise outside, and went to check. I saw a guard collapsing onto the ground, and a guy running," porn star Thomas "Rocco" Hansen said on national

He said one film crew member grabbed a camera and recorded the rest of the action and the arrests. The tape, which lasts about an hour, was turned over to the police.

Oldest German dies

STUTTGART, Germany
— Germany's oldest person
died in her sleep early Monday at age 111, according to
her nursing home.

Lina Zimmer, one of six children, was born in 1892 when Kaiser Wilhelm II ruled Germany and horse-drawn carriages still rode down the main street of her hometown of Stutt-

The former dressmaker married Richard Zimmer, a graphic artist, in 1915 and spent 60 years with him before his death in 1975.

She celebrated her 111th birthday on Nov. 20 surrounded by family. Zimmer once shared her

secret for a long life: "Living sensibly, not getting excited and being content."

From The Associated Press

IN THE STATES

Bush: Even if unwinnable, terror must be fought

BY DEB RIECHMANN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush says staying the course in the war on terror will make the world safer for future generations, though he acknowledges an all-out victory against terrorism may not be possi-

In an interview on NBC-TV's "Today" show broadcast to coincide with Monday's start of the Republican National Convention in New York, Bush said retreating from the war on terror "would be a disaster for your children."

Says U.S. must stay course to make world safer

"You cannot show weakness in this world today because the enemy will ex-ploit that weakness," he said. "It will embolden them and make the world a more dangerous place.

When asked "Can we win?" the war on terror, Bush said, "I don't think you can win it. But I think you can create condi tions so that the - those who use terror as a tool are - less acceptable in parts of the world.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan sought to clarify Bush's statement, saying the president was speaking about winning the war "in the conventional sense."

"I don't think you can expect that there will ever be a formal surrender or a treaty signed like we have in wars past," he said.

"That's what he was talking about. It requires a generational commitment to win this war on terrorism."

Nonetheless, Democratic vice presiden-tial candidate John Edwards seized on the

"After months of listening to the Republicans base their campaign on their singular ability to win the war on terror, the president now says we can't win the war on terrorism" the North Carolina senator said

This is no time to declare defeat

Before leaving for a campaign swing through New Hampshire and Michigan, Bush practiced the speech he'll deliver to the convention Thursday night when he accepts the GOP nomination for a second

Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is surrounded by the media Monday during the first day of the Republican National Convention in New York



GOP ratifies platform, portrays president as strong war leader

BY DAVID ESPO

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Republican National Convention delegates ratified President Bush's unflinchingly conservative re-election platform Monday, then settled in for a day of political oratory extolling him as a leader for all Americans in an age of terrorism.

Democratic challenger John Kerry is "weak on war and wrong on taxes." said House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

The delegates met at Madison Square Garden, four miles from the scarred landscape where the World Trade Center twin towers once stood Officials mustered a security force of thousands in the area around the hall, part of an effort to thwart any attempt at a repeat attack. A helicopter circled the skies over the arena, while pobarricades made 18-square-block surrounding the area off-limits to most vehicles.

Inside the hall, Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife Lynne were ushered to their seats in time to hear his name placed in nomination for another term.
"Four more years" the delegates shouted in unison.

Cheney speaks Wednesday night, followed by Bush's prime-time acceptance speech Thursday, an appearance that marks the end of the convention season and the beginning of the fall campaign for the White House.

Polls show Bush in a tough race for re-election, and Kerry has been helped by surveys in which at least a strong plurality of Americans says the country is headed in the wrong direction. At the same time, the president receives high marks from the public for his decisiveness and leadership. And recent attacks by an outside group of veterans on Kerry's decorated Vietnam War record have coincided with polls suggesting increased momentum for the president.

Democrats call the attacks a Republican-financed smear cam-

The platform, crafted to Bush's specifications, lauded his response to the terrorist attacks. 'The president's most solemn duty is to protect our country. George W. Bush has kept that charge," it said.

Envisioning a new "ownership era," it also endorsed additional tax relief and major changes to Social Security allowing individuals to use a portion of their payroll taxes to establish personal retirement accounts.

The platform also calls for constitutional amendments to ban gay marriages and abortions, and unholds the administration's nolicy limiting federal funding for embryonic stem cell research to in existence as of three years ago.

The evening oratory was pitched at a different audience. Sen. John McCain and Rudolph Giuliani had the featured speaking slots. The Arizona senator has strong appeal among indepen-dents and the former New York City mayor was widely praised for his actions in the wake of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Their appearances at the podi-

um were part of a larger convention-week effort by Republicans to broaden Bush's appeal beyond conservative base. Both McCain and Giuliani oppose the constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

New Yorkers were under per-sistent prodding to "play nice" with Republicans who showed up in large numbers in their overwhelmingly Democratic city.

Not everyone was so inclined. Some delegates said anti-Bush protesters greeted them with an upraised middle finger. "Inconvenient Republican Convention Sale" read a handwritten sign in one small store a few blocks from the arena

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Edwards accuses Bush of failed leadership in war

BY AARON BEARD The Associated Press

WILMINGTON, N.C. - Vice presidential candidate John Edwards gave a sweeping denunciation of the Bush administration's foreign policy Monday, accusing the president of a "failure of lead ership" as the Republican National Convention opened in New York City.

Speaking at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Edwards cited the Abu Ghraib prison abuse in Iraq as an example and contended that the "climate for the terrible abuses was set be cause this administration sent our troops into battle without a plan to win the peace.

Edwards sought to counter Republicans, including Vice President Dick Cheney, who plan during the GOP convention to emphasize that Bush is the kind of "strong and steadfast" leader the country needs to continue the war against terrorists.

In an interview last week with The New York Times, Bush said he made a "miscalculation of what the conditions would be" after U.S. troops went to Iraq.

"The president called it a mis-calculation," Edwards said. "You can call it anything you want, but

the truth is, it was a failure of lead-

Other mistakes, according to Edwards, include going to war without strong allies, waiting for three years after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to reform intelligence operations, turning its back on Afghanistan, failing to listen to the 9/11 commission, and stand-ing by while North Korea and Iran advanced their nuclear weapons programs.

"But I don't need to tell you or the American people about all

that's gone wrong in the last four years," he said. "You know." Edwards said a Kerry administration would create a "Nuclear Whistleblower Initiative" in which the United States would give asylum and protection to any scientist in a foreign country particularly Iran and North Korea — who discloses an illicit weapons program.

Steve Schmidt, a Bush cam paign spokesman, called Ed-wards' claims "a series of baseless attacks from a Democratic ticket that's far outside the mainstream on these issues." Schmidt said the accusations

weren't credible because they came from a team that has advocated for a more "sensitive" war on terror and has claimed the war created more terrorists.



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As Gaston exits, Frances waits in the winds EXCHANGE RATES Military rades (2.1200)

BY BRUCE SMITH The Associated Press

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. -The second powerful storm to strike South Carolina in a month

lashed the state with stinging rain and howling wind, knocking out power to thousands of people and flooding streets.

Even as Tropical Storm Gaston spun across the state Sunday, residents were being told to keen an eye on Hurricane Frances, a powerful storm heading for the Caribbean with 120 mph wind.

Residents "from Florida to the Carolinas should start monitoring the progress of this storm," Hugh Cobb. a meteorologist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami, said of Frances.

Though Gaston knocked out power to thousands, South Carolina officials said there was only one initial report of a serious injurv - a Charleston County resident injured when a tree fell on a

"It just goes to show that the residents took the proper precautions that they needed to take and shows they were prepared," said Roland Windham, the Charleston

County administrator. Gaston made landfall Sunday morning near McClellanville, a small fishing village that was brushed by Hurricane Charley

ashore for a second time after dev-

astating southwest Florida. By early Monday, Gaston had crossed South Carolina and was the remains were moving northeast across North Carolina with wind gusting to around 35 mph. Flood watches were in effect for central and eastern North Carolina. It was the fourth storm to strike that state this month.

Hours after the eye of Gaston came ashore in South Carolina, steady sheets of rain drenched Mount Pleasant. Tree limbs littered flooded roadways, some of which were impassable.

Across the harbor in Charleston, Gaston flooded streets and toppled utility poles. At least 172,000 customers were without power at the height of the storm and a state of emergency was declared for the whole state. Some 86,000 customers remained without power Monday morning, including 50,000 in and around Charleston.

"The important thing is that we don't have any false sense of safety that it's all over," said Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr. "We have downed trees, and often times there are power lines

under those downed trees.' Gaston had maximum sustained wind of 70 mph when it hit land but quickly weakened to 45 mph by early afternoon. As much as 10 inches of rain fell in Charles-



Fort Mill, S.C., braves the strong winds of Tropical Storm Gaston as he walks the Sea Cahine Villas

pier on the Isle of Palms, S.C., on Sunday.

ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Beware Bank of Bedrock

Yabba dabba don't! Federal banking authorities put out an alert last week warning consumers to steer clear of a Web site linked with the "First National Bank of Bedrock."

The bank claims to be based in Bedrock, Colo. But according to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the institution is as phony as the town of Bed-rock that "The Flintstones" call

Regulators aren't sure whether First National Bank of Redrock is a joke or a fraud, but they say consumers need to beware.

"There are a lot of scams out there," said Kevin Mukri, spokes-man for the Comptroller. "Usually, they're after the same thing, personal information and account numbers. Unfortunately, these things pop up all the time. We will close down this one, but another one will pop up tomorrow.

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Israeli official met with DOD spy suspect

BY KARIN LAUB

JERUSALEM - A senior Israeli dinlomat in Washington has met with a Pentagon analyst being investigated by the FBI on suspicion he passed classified information to Israel Israeli officials confirmed Monday.

However Israeli officials reiterated Monday that Israel does not have a spy at the Pentagon. Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said meetings between Israeli embassy employees and U.S. government officials are commonplace. and that the two governments routinely share secrets

"Israel and the United States have intimate ties ... and the information being exchanged is much more classified than any conversation that may have taken place," Shalom told a news conference.

U.S. officials say the FBI investigation focuses Lawrence A. Franklin, an analyst of Iranian affairs who works in a Pentagon policy of fice headed by Douglas J. Feith, the undersecretary for policy. Feith has been accused by Democrats of seeking to manipulate intelligence to help make the case for going to war in Iraq. Congressional investi-gations have found no evidence of that.

The Israeli diplomat was identified as Naor Gilon, head of the political department at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, and a specialist on Iran's nuclear weapons program. Shalom did not mention Gilon by name, but when asked about contacts between Gilon and Franklin did not deny they had taken place.

The Israeli daily Maariy on Monday quoted Gilon as saying that he did nothing wrong. "My hands are clean. I have

nothing to hide," he said. "I acted according to the regulations

Newsweek, citing U.S. intelligence officials said that Franklin on one occasion allegedly tried to hand over a classified U.S. policy document on Iran, but that the Israeli diplomat re fused to take it.

Maariv quoted Israeli sources as saving that Gilon did not take documents from Franklin, but had frequent meetings with him

CIA fights against drive to place paramilitaries under DOD control

Wants operations to remain separate despite 9/11 commission suggestion

BY JOHN J. LUMPKIN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Opening a rare window into a secret world, the CIA and the Pentagon are publicly fighting a proposal to central-ize under Defense Department control the U.S. covert paramilitary operations used increasingly in recent years in Afghanistan

and elsewhere. The commission that investigate ed the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks recommended the change, but CIA and defense leaders insist they are not convinced of the need They say CIA paramilitaries and military special operations forces each have distinct capabilities but work well together.

Besides, they say, there are some things that only the CIA can

do.

"I would not accept that recom-mendation," acting Director of Central Intelligence John McLaughlin testified to senators recently. "I think we have a perfect marriage now of CIA and military capabilities. CIA brings to the mix agility and speed. Military brings lethality."

The Sept. 11 commissioners had argued that having two such organizations within the government was redundant.

"Whether the price is measured in either money or people. the United States cannot afford to build two separate capabilities for carrying out secret military operations, secretly operating standoff missiles and secretly training foreign military or paramilitary forces," their report

"The United States should concentrate responsibility and necessary legal authorities in one enti-

The commissioners described a CIA plan in early 1998 to go after al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden using operatives from the spy agency and the military. The was ultimately scrubbed after senior CIA officials and some military officers registered concerns at the risks to U.S. forces and civilians.

Paramilitary operations include training pro-U.S. government or rebel forces, destablizing governments and organizations through violence, and direct attacks on Such operations sometimes are

overseen by the CIA and sometimes by special military units such as the Green Berets. Which are used de-



small before Sept. 11 but has expanded rapidly since. In contrast, the military's

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The CIA's

quired.

Special Operations Command numbers 49,000 people, including reservists, support personnel and 3,000 civilians. One key distinction between

the two is how they are ordered into action. Special operations troops are subject to the military chain of command, and also to

various laws and international treaties governing the use of armed forces.

For the CIA paramilitaries to go into action, the president must sign a secret document called a "finding" that governs their activi-

ties, and designated congression-



more often when secrecy is paramount Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is also cool to the idea of putting

all

Thus

paramilitary operations under his department's control.

"There are clearly things that the Central Intelligence Agency does that are covert that the Department of Defense ought not to do," he said.

Gen. Richard Myers said, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said, "There is not a lot of enthusiasm at this point for that kind of change," suggesting there's a

Two forms of secret operations

CIA paramilitary forces and the military's special operations forces - such as the Green Berets can participate in similar covert missions but have notable differences.

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Bound by certain

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laws of engagement;

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of command



paramilitaries

operations forces Very small: size classified

> President must sign a secret document

May operate without uniforms or identification: more flexible with spending

limit on what uniformed U.S. military personnel should be allowed to do

The CIA's paramilitaries are part of the agency's covert operations arm, called the Special Activities Division. Some unit members specialize in propaganda and economic and political disruption. Others, members of the Special Operations Group, are true Unlike the Green Berets, the

CIA officers can operate without uniforms or identification as U.S. government employees. If any are caught or killed, the government can plausibly deny involve-







ndra, left, and Vanessa Kerry, daughters of Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry, address the audience about the importance of voting. The Bush daughters also appeared at the show — on videotape.



The group OutKast performs during the MTV Video Music Awards in Miami on Sunday.

awards: A little political, a little polite

BY ADRIAN SAINZ The Associated Press

MIAMI - There was no Madonna-Britney Spears kiss, no partially-clad Howard Stern coming down from the rafters, and certainly no wardrobe malfunctions.

The MTV Awards show on Sunday featured typical frenetic energy and sexy style, and a few musical surprises, but it was mostly a kinder, gentler version of past

Usher showed as much skin as anybody, preening in front of the camera barechested as simulated raindrops fell on his chiseled body during the opening performance of "Burn." And the sometimes raunchy comedian Dave Chappelle even kept it relatively clean - despite teasing that he wouldn't

"It's the biggest mistake you made since Janet Jackson at the

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Super Bowl," he jokingly warned alluding to the MTV-produced Super Bowl halftime flesh show that created a firestorm earlier this year.

The change of scenery Miami — the show typically is held in New York or Los Angeles helped raise the decadence level at the celebrity-soaked affair, held at the downtown AmericanAirlines Arena.

Some celebrities arrived on the red carpet not by car, but by luxu-ry yacht. "Newlyweds" stars Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey arrived in a 68-foot boat.

OutKast's vivid "Hey Ya!" perhaps best described as the old Ed Sullivan show on acid - wor four awards, including video of the year. Jay-Z's "99 Problems," the most nominated video with six, also won four. That gritty black-and-white video depicts the singer's own killing as a meta-

Going home with moonmen

The Associated Press

List of winners for the 2004 MTV Video Music Awards: Video of the year: OutKast, "Hey Ya!" Best pop video: No Doubt, "It's My Life' Best rap video: Jay-Z, "99 Problems"

Best female video: Beyonce, "Naughty Girl"
Best male video: Usher featuring Lil' Jon & Lu-

Best R&B video: Alicia Keys, "If I Ain't Got Best rock video: Jet, "Are You Gonna Be My

Breakthrough video: Franz Ferdinand, "Take Me Out

phor for his much-ballyhooed remoonman after the channel's logo

tirement

for best rap video.

Usher won his first moonman as he took best male video for Yeah!

> "This is my first time coming up here — let me take my time with this," a beaming Usher said. As usual, the awards were an af-

dacris.

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terthought to explosive performances and surprise cameos.

Alicia Keys gave a dramatic, soulful spin of her hit "If I Ain't Got You," and was buoyed by Stevie Wonder on harmonica Moments later, she joined Won-

der and Lenny Kravitz as they sang a classic Wonder hit, "Higher Ground."

Keys also appeared on stage to

honor the late Ray Charles, who

Best director: Mark Romanek, "99 Problems"

Best editing: Jay-Z, "99 Problems" Best cinematography: Jay-Z, "99 Problems" Best choreography: Black Eyed Peas, "Hey

Best dance video: Usher, featuring Lil' Jon & Lu-

Best hip-hop video: OutKast, "Hey Ya!" Best group video: No Doubt, "It's My Life" Best new artist in a video: Maroon 5, "This Love"

Viewer's choice: Linkin Park, "Breaking the

MTV2 award: Yellowcard, "Ocean Avenue"

died in June

Best special effects: OutKast, "Hev Ya!"

Best art direction: OutKast, Hey Ya!

The daughters of Democratic oresidential candidate John Kerry and President Bush made an appearance - the Bush daughters on videotape - to urge people to vote. Even the Rev. Al Sharpton made an appearance connected to voting - not for the election, though, but for the viewer's choice award

The show, held a day before the Republican convention was to kick off in New York City, ended on a patriotic note, as red, white and blue balloons fell from the rafters and fans held "vote" signs during OutKast's closing perfor-

Jessica Simpson greets the crowd outside AmericanAirlines Arena.

"I felt like I was trying to push the envelope," Jay-Z, dressed in a dapper white suit and hat, said as he accepted an award — called a

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AAFES and 'Fahrenheit'

AAFES management has shown its true colors. The article "AAFES not after 'Fahrenheit 9/11" (Aug. 17) is in stark contradiction to Army and Air Force Exchange Service's previous statement that it would actively pursue having the documentary shown. The reasons given by Judd Anstey, spokesman for AAFES, will probably earn him a spot on President Bush's spin-meis-

AAFES was told "on or about" July 21 that 200 to 300 prints would be available to it on Aug. 16. The film distributor said it did everything it was supposed to do on July 22, but AAFES was not responsive

Anstey said that AAFES has already booked what would be shown in its the aters up to Sept. 3. He stated this only gives AAFES a 35-day window before the DVD release date. It is further stated in the article that AAFES has run films with a shorter window, but won't run the No. 1 documentary for "profit" reasons. Why? Is this the real reason?

The movie's DVD release date is Oct. 5. Allowing four to six weeks for the DVD to reach AAFES outlets, where's the problem on attendance and scheduling? Then again, the consumer would spend between \$4 and \$5 to see the movie, whereas AAFES will get between \$19.95 and \$29.95 for the DVD - if it is made available. How many DVDs of "Fahrenheit 9/11" have been ordered? Not many is my guess.

Also, this precludes military members and associates from seeing the documentary before the elections. Why? I submit that AAFES is using its monopolistic powers to influence what the American forces and their associates are provided. I challenge AAFES to provide a suitable number and wide distribution of the "Fahrenheit 9/11 DVD

I have 25 years active service (enlisted and commissioned), 15 years civil service and six years in retired status. During this time I have relied on and trusted AAFES; now is the time for AAFES to solidify this

Wilbert C. Hicks Jr. Kindshach, Germany

Evervone can improve

In response to the letter "Take responsibility, NCOs" (Aug. 19); I totally agreed with the first sergeant until the very last sentence in which he said not to forget reservists and National Guard troops, to police them up, too.

Every day I see the same corrections that need to be made on all troops, same as with Air Force, Navy and Marines. I corrected an active-duty soldier who at night. by himself, had no flashlight, no reflective vest, no socks, no weapon and, worst of all, his shorts on backward! Why is it that the Reserve and National Guard have to take this hit from the active duty?

We all know that the job can't be done without one another and we all would greatly benefit by working together rather than against one another. I constantly see where they can improve on their jobs. Be-

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cause they do it every day they feel as though they are experts. However, those of us in the same job — nervous that we might fail and look like idiots - strive to make sure we don't, and usually come out looking great. Right now there is a documentary on the National Guard troops being made by the Discovery Channel

showing how well we are doing. There are many things that the active-duty personnel can learn from us, and there is a lot that we can learn from them I only hope that we as noncommissioned officers (and adults) can choose to point out the perfections (instead of the imperfections) and improve together.

Soldiers, don't forget that the war is outside the wire, not inside it. Only together will these jobs and missions become more efficient; divided, we could lose someone as a result of someone's bickering and selfish plot to make himself look better only because of an active-duty status.

Phillip Clinton Grauel Hot Springs, Ark.

Listening to our allies

For decades, the United States was very proud that it was America that helped to establish democracy and freedom in Europe after World War II. European countries such as Germany, France and Spain became democracies, and we are very glad and thankful for what America has done for us — no mistake about that.

But, do we have to go to war with Iraq, only because America wanted us to? When we say "no" to the Iraq war, then our views and opinions also should be respected and accepted — or are European allies only "good allies" when we agree with everything the U.S. government wants us to do and follow it? Is that the concept of democracy and the concept of a free coun-

In the past months, Germany and France have been extensively criticized and bashed for their "no" on the war. This is our choice and our view. I think that we have a right to say "no" to the Iraq war. The war also was unpopular in countries

governments supported U.S.-led invasion of Iraq — even 80-90 per-cent of the Italian, British and Spanish people were against the war. How can a nation start or participate in a war, when the

population is not supporting it? Europe is sick of wars after centuries of wars and millions of casualties that resulted from these senseless wars. It's very, very easy to support a war when it is hap pening more than 6,000 miles from your home. And people over here in Europe are not convinced that the war was only be cause of Saddam Hussein or weapons of mass destruction. For a long time, the United States supported the Saddam regime with money, weapons, etc. In December 1983, Donald Rumsfeld visited Saddam as an envoy for President Reagan and called him "a good friend of peace and a good friend of America." Now Saddam is the worst devil?

If America wants to be respected in Europe again, then it should learn that other views and opinions should be respected, even when you don't agree with them. Many Americans only talk bad about Germany, France, etc. - but these people never try to understand our views and opinions. We, in Europe, always have to understand America, America, America. But who listens to and cares for our views and opinions?

Torsten Rehrens Stade, Germany

Women have right to fight war

I am writing in reference to "Sending Women to War Wrong" (Aug. 15). While some of us were brought up with the re-sponsibility to protect women, where do we get off? Who are we to say that a woman cannot or should not be able to do what any man can do. All of these women voluntarily came into the military. someone to say that these women didn't know that there was a possibility that we could go to war is just not plausible

The fact is we are all soldiers, fighting for the freedom of our country. Taking away a woman's right to fight for her country is doing just that, taking away her rights. While I feel for the writer's loss, and am truly sorry for all the soldiers who have ever died in combat, their loss was not without reward. They died defending a country that they loved and believed in, re gardless of race, sex and religion.

We all fight for our country and to come home to that country safe and unharmed. However it is also understood that you may have to pay the ultimate sacrifice to protect your loved ones. That is a price some of us are willing to pay, women in-

To suggest a woman should not be al-lowed in combat is moving us back in time instead of forward toward equal rights. When did a woman's life become worth more than a man's? While loss of life for anyone, man or woman, is not easy to accept, it's the cost of war.

Women die in the streets of the United

States daily, perhaps we should lock them in their houses where they will be safe. Sgt. Adam Benda

Baghdad

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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OPINION

Cast away Swift Boat Veterans for Truth

BY LARRY DALE KEELING Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader

served with John Kerry.
Well, sorta.
I never rode on a Swift
board with him. Heck, I never

boat with him. rieck, I never heard of a Swift boat before this presidential campaign.

I wasn't in Vietnam with him. The closest I got to "in country"

was an air base on Taiwan, where my unit provided logistical support for a facility that repaired fighter planes, some of which had flown the friendly skies of 'Nam. We didn't wear the same uni-

We didn't wear the same uniform. Kerry was Navy; I was Air Force.

But I served with Kerry. We were both in the military for a six-month period between July 1969, when I went on active duty, and January 1970, when he was discharged from active duty.

A lot of guys my age — give or take a few years — can say truthfully, accurately, but oh-so-misleadingly, "I served with John Kerry," thereby gilding their subsequent statements with a patina of undeserved credibility.

My claim to having served with Kerry is misleading in the ex-

Similar claims by Swift Boat Veterans for Truth are misleading in less extreme, but misleading still.

None of them served on Kerry's boat, although their ads suggest that they did. In varying degrees, these guys served with him in a broader sense, some in other Swift boats, some up the chain of command

They tell one version of Kerry's Vietnam service. The guys who were actually in Kerry's boat tell a completely different version.

Who are we to believe? Well, now that we know Swift Boat Veterans for Truth is largely funded by a rich Texan who, along with his wife, gave \$3 million to Texas Republicans during the 2002 elections, that seems an easy call to

Making it easier still is the fact that these veterans are getting caught in the tangled web of their own deceit.

own uccent.

Larry Thurlow, another Swift boat commander, has claimed Kerry didn't deserve his Bronze Star and third Purple Heart because he wasn't under enemy fire when he pulled an Army lieutenant out of the river and into his boat. But The Washington Post recently reported that Thurlow won his own Bronze Star for courage under fire in the same incident he same incident.

Oops! "I know John Kerry is lying about his first Purple Heart because I treated him for that injury," Louis Letson claims in the attack ad.

But FactCheck.org, a nonpartisan nonprofit that "truth squads" political claims and ads across the spectrum, says medical records do not list Letson as the person who treated Kerry's injury.

Oops! Then there is George Eliott, the retired Navy captain who recommended Kerry for a Silver Star. Elliott recently told The Boston Globe that he made "a terrible mistake" by suggesting in a recent affidavit that Kerry hadn't told him the truth about the incident that led to Kerry killing an enemy

soldier and earning a Silver Star.
"Tm the one in trouble here.... I knew it (the affidavit) was wrong," Elliott is quoted as saying. Then, a few days later he recanted his recant, signing a second affidavit

that once again supported the ad. Ongs! While all these "Oopses" show clearly whose honesty and truthfulness really is in question (and it's not Kerry's), they do not speak to another central pression of the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth's attack ads: that Kerry betrayed veterans of Vietnam and his nation by becoming a vocal opponent of the war after leaving the Navy.

As I made clear earlier, I am not a Vietnam veteran. I am a veteran of the Vietnam era. Kerry did not betray me. And I think that some of the Vietnam veterans I ve known, while I was in the service and afterward, would say that he did not betray them, either.

When I made my commitment to the Air Force as a 20-year-old



college student in 1967, I supported the war in Vietnam. When I went on active duty in 1969, I supported the war.

By the time I left the Air Force a few years later, I no longer supported the war. I supported the troops who were fighting it, as Kerry did, and I support them as veterans today, as Kerry does.

But the events that occurred during my years of service and the knowledge I gained from those events led me to believe that the war itself was wrong — a belief I

I also believe I have that in common with many veterans of that era who came to question, if not the reason for the war, at least its execution.

Kerry was one of those, one who showed his courage in battle and came home to demonstrate another kind of courage — the courage to stand up and tell his country it was following the wrong course.

Call him liberal. Call him a flip-flopper. Call him unfit to be president. But don't call him a traitor. What he did was the act of a true patriot.

Thanks to Allies in 1944, we'll always have Paris

BY RACHEL SPREIREGEN

t was 60 years ago this month, in Paris.
I had been waiting a long time for this
moment, when I would finally see the
enemy in defeat.

Allow me now on this anniversary to be one voice for those who brought us our liberation that day

I was a 17-year-old Jewish girl who had been hiding under an assumed name with forged identity papers in the Pigalle district of Paris Td been waiting since 1940, when France fell, since 1941, when the Germans came for my father, since 1943, when my 13-year-old sister and I — sole survivors of our family — had to abandon our home and go into hiding. I was marking time, focused on one great expectation: deliverance.

Hope was kept alive with "Les Francias" Parlent aux Francias," the voice of De Gaulle's Free France broadcast from London. In the spring of 1944, the cryptic radio messages to resistance groups proliferated, unintelligible to us but obviously instructions to various networks operating in France, indicating increased activity and raising expectations. Something was in the air.

There were skeptics, in Paris and elsewhere. For me, and others like me, skepticism was impossible. We were caught in a deadly race between those who would find us out and send us to the death camps and those who carried with them our hopes for life—the Allied soldiers.

Then, early one morning, the wait was over. Hurried footsteps on the stairs, and the maid of the small hotel where I had sought refuge came running down the narrow corridor, pounding at every door, announcing breathlessly, "Its ont debarque!" — "They have landed! They have

The news struck like a thunderbolt. And yet all the joy welling up within us had to be contained. The Kommandantur (headquarters of the German military command of ocupied France) seemed to think we were being good: The midnight curfew was extended to 1 am. for this one day.

In mid-August, as Allied troops neared, the dity of Paris rose. It was in a state of siege The German garrison had been clearing out for days, leaving behind a beleaguered high command that no longer was in command. But no one knew when the end would come — or when we would be safe. Then one night clurch bells were set ringing, not in alarm but in triumph, the opening salvo of the liberation. A small detachment of Gen. Philippe Leclerc's Free French troops had entered Paris and was encamped at the Hotel de Ville, bome of the municipal authorities, only a stone's throw from Notre

Paris was liberated the next day, I walked down deserted streets to the Place de l'Opera, eager to see what was happening, and by chance was near the Kommadantur when a contingent of Pree French troops arrived. There was a brief firefight, and then it happened the surrender of the German command. Parisinas began emerging from buildmand. Parisinas began emerging from buildformed a chain, linked hands and spontaneously burst into "La Marseillanes," while German officers, hatless, hands in the air, marched down Arenue de l'Oper.

The nightmare was over.

I was awed at the magnitude of the event I was witnessing. The German war machine was not invincible after all, and for me, it was the men of D-Day who had driven the point home. It was to them that I owed my freedom and my life.

Fifty years later, at Omaha Beach, on the

bluff overlooking the stretch of sand where the GIs had come ashore, I remembered D-Day. At the breathtaking military cemetery of Colleville-sur-Mer, where so many are interred, I had come to honor the men who a half-century earlier, on that day and at that very spot, had brought liberation to grountry and to me. Few are left of these may be the control of the control of the control period to the control of the control of the control belong among the immortals. They came in peril of their lives and saved Europe.

Okanys Jens's ago'ncy immerce down more Champs Elysees in an awesome parade of citizen-soldiers, shoulder to shoulder, filling the broad expanse of the avenue. The passing years have only intensified the emotion I felt as a young girl that August, and the gratitude to those who saved our future.

Rachel Spreiregen, who lives in a suburb of Chicago, is writing a memoir on her years in France before and during the German occupation. This column first appeared in The Washington Post.

By BRUCE TINSLEY



THIS JUST IN...

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Census bureau shakes up info-sharing policy

Agency will not turn over details about minorities to anti-terror officials without approval

The Associated Press

DEARBORN, Mich. - The U.S. Census Bureau says it is ending a practice of routinely turning over detailed information about Arabs or other minorities to anti-terrorism officials without high-level approv-

The Census Bureau revealed Aug. 13 that it had been reporting demographic data about Arab Americans to a Homeland Security agency. The bureau said it only was providing population numbers and not names, addresses or other private details.

Responding to requests over the past two years from the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, the Census Bureau said it had provided files that included a count of U.S. residents of Arab descent in certain ZIP codes. It said names and street addresses were not included

The release drew sharp criticism from

some advocacy groups, which said it undermined the public's trust

Census Director Louis Kincannon said data requests from law enforcement and intelligence agencies now must be approved by one of eight associate directors, the sec-ond highest-ranking officials in the Census Bureau. He said the policy will not keep police from getting similar numbers in the future, mainly because much of it is already available on the bureau's Web site.

But he told The Detroit News for a story Monday that it lets officials keep tabs on who requests information and how it is used

"This is an important step in the right direction to restore people's confidence," said Imad Hamad, Dearborn-based Midwest director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. "But in many people's minds, the damage is already done. I only hope we can overcome this."

Drunken driver leaves decapitated passenger in truck while he sleeps

The Associated Press

MARIETTA, Ga. - A drunken driver hit a telephone pole support wire that decapitated his passenger, then drove 12 miles home and slept in his bloody clothes, leaving the headless body in his truck, police

A neighbor walking with his young daughter Sunday morning discovered Daniel Brohm's headless corpse in the truck in John Kemper Hutcherson's driveway and called authorities, said Cpl. Dana Pierce, county police spokesman. Officers found Hutcherson

asleep inside his home. He was visibly drunk and his clothes were bloody, authorities said They later found Brohm's severed head at the crash site.

"It's hard for one to imagine that you would drive miles from a crash site to your home, turn-ing in various directions, and yet not know what has hap-

pened to a passenger sitting next to you," Pierce said. Hutcherson, 21, was charged with vehicular homicide, driv ing under the influence and failure to stop at an accident with death or injury. He was jailed on a \$100,000 bond; it was un-clear Monday whether he had an attorney.

Eight years later, man finds HĬV test was a false-positive

SAN FRANCISCO - A California man who once tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS has learned the diagnosis made eight years ago was mistaken and he was never infected.

Jim Malone spent years battling depression and losing weight, expecting to die at any time. He attended support group meetings and accepted free meals from an AIDS charity.

Malone's main physician, Dr. Richard Karp, acknowledged the error in an Aug. 4 letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic where Malone was treated Malone, who is gay and has lost

friends to AIDS, said he is relieved but angry at his doctor.
"He told me, 'We made a very big mistake. We did not do our

" he said. "I said. 'You mean to tell me that all you have to say is you are sorry? Sorry that I lived for all this time believing I was going to die?"

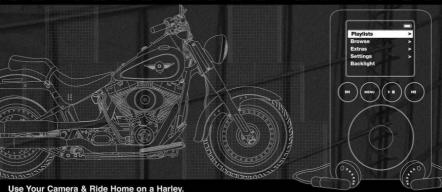
The Oakland Department of Veterans Affairs is investigating. The error may have occurred

ic in 1996 with lab results from a testing firm showing he had HIV. said Karen Pridmore, spokeswoman for the VA's Northern California Health Care System.

The clinic performed its own HIV test on Malone to confirm the first set of results and it came back negative, but that information was never shared with the patient, Pridmore said.

The mistake was uncovered by the VA's computer system, which tracks HIV patients and conducts a periodic review of case





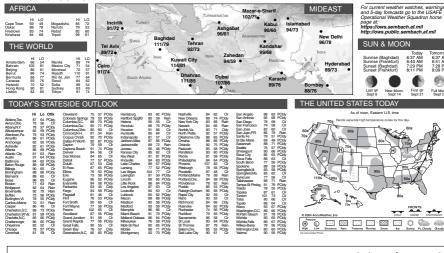
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Body found on roof

NY NEW YORK — A body was found by construction workers on the roof of a church on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

The victim was believed to be a 30-year-old man who was reported missing. The cause of death was unknown but investigators suspect foul play, police said.

The workers found the body in a rooftop construction shed at St. Paul & St. Andrew Methodist Church on West 86th Street, police said.

Man robs bank to buy car

SOUTH OGDEN — Zachary Hayden liked the car: he only needed to stop at the bank to get some money.

The problem is, police said, he didn't have an account there. Authorities said Hayden, 31, of Warsaw, Ind., robbed the Wells Fargo Bank after test driving a Ford Escort from the Good-One

Auto Sales and then used the car for his getaway.

More than six hours after the

robbery, Nevada Highway Patrol pulled the car over near Ely, Nev., about 200 miles southwest of South Ogden. It still had the white, price numbers — \$1,895 — on the window and dealer license plates.

Like any good salesman, Trent Goodwin tried to put a positive spin on the situation.

"Our deals are so good, bank rob-bers shop here," he said.

Banana Split Day

PA PITTSBURGH — University of Pittsburgh alumni have won the Nobel Prize, played in the National Football League and unlocked the secrets of DNA.

The university celebrated a less prestigious but equally sweet accomplishment by one of its own the banana split.

Pitt declared "Banana Split Day" and celebrated the dessert's 100th birthday by serving about 4.000 ice cream cones to students family members and others returning to campus for the new school year.

Ice cream aficionados believe David E. Strickler, a 1906 graduate of Pitt's School of Pharmacy, created the first banana split in 1904 when he was an apprentice at Tassell Pharmacy in Latrobe, Pa.

Herpes lawsuit

VA VIRGINIA BEACH — A lawsuit that accuses a Virginia Beach man of intentionally passing herpes to his lover may have implications for state law on fornication between unmarried adults.

Attorneys for a woman identified only as Jane Doe filed suit this month in Circuit Court, claiming that a Virginia Beach man gave the woman genital herpes after the two began having sexual relations in April

In court papers, the man's attorney claims the woman broke a state law that forbids sexual intercourse outside marriage and there. fore she cannot claim injury.

Matthew W. Smith, the woman's attorney, said the Virginia Supreme Court has ruled it is illegal to recover damages from an injury that occurs while breaking a law But he thinks that ruling will not stand up today.



ROUNDUP Boy fatally shoots father

TX HOUSTON — A 10-year-old boy fatally shot his father after the man came to pick him and his brother up for a weekend visit authorities said

Rick James Lohstroh, 41, was shot several times as he sat in the front seat of his sport utility vehicle, said Sgt. B.E. Williams of the Harris County Sheriff's Department. The boy was sitting in the back seat.

After firing shots through the back seat, the boy got out of the vehicle and continued to fire at it Williams said. Lohstroh, a doctor at the University of Texas Medical Branch, died on the way to a hospi-

Preliminary reports indicate that the boy did not want to visit his father. Lohstroh and the boy's mother shared custody of the chil-

The gun belonged to the boy's mother. Williams said.

Seal bites tourist

HI POIPU — An endangered Hawaiian monk seal bit a tourist at Kauai's Poinu Reach after the man shoved the seal out of the way, officials said.

The 64-year-old man was not seriously injured in the confrontation in waters fronting the Sheraton Kanai Hotel

He received a tetanus shot and



Letting go

Dr. Bridget Dunnigan, of the Woods Hole Science Aquarium, releases a Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle at Dowses Beach, in Osterville, Mass, Four of the endangered turtles were released into the ocean after six months of rehabilitation at aquariums in Massachusetts.

antibiotics

"The individual got aggressive with the seal. He was trying to get to shore and he tried to push the seal away," said Brad Ryon, a marine biologist with the National Oceanic and At-

mospheric Administration I talked to him afterward and he was more embarrassed

Teen defends shirt

than anything

ATLANTA town of Hempstead, N.Y., has a message for Gwinnett County administrators: Before you target a student wearing a Hemnstead shirt, look at a map

Terrell Jones, a student in Gwin-nett County's Grayson High School, was weeded out of a classroom by a school administrator because he wore a shirt that read: "Hempstead, NY 516," a reference to the Long Island town and its telephone area code.

According to Jones' family, which moved from Hempstead to the Atlanta suburb, the school thought the shirt referred to mari-

Jones wasn't allowed to return to class until he persuaded school officials to search the Internet for the town name.

The student's father James Jones, said he wants an apology for the incident. Terrell Jones says he will keep

wearing the shirt to school. Woman delivers at home

BOSTON - An internal investigation is under way at Brigham and Women's Hospital after a pregnant woman who twice was sent home by the medical staff, gave birth to a son on the hathroom floor of her anartment

Denia Baez, 30, nine months pregnant with her fourth child, went to Brigham and Women's saying she felt ill and was bleeding slightly. However, hospital staff determined that she didn't have the strong, regular contractions that indicate the final phases of labor. and sent her home, she told the Boston Herald from her hospital hed

Baez stenned out of the bathtub at home, felt labor pains and told her husband, Cesarin Arias, 29, that the baby was coming. Shortly, Jeremy Arias was born on the bathroom floor.

Baez and her 9-pound, 2-ounce baby were healthy and resting at Brigham and Women's, but the hospital's obstetrics chief said he would review her records and talk to Baez

Flood waters hit hard

OH LISBON — Flood waters rushed through rural northeast Ohio over the weekend, ripping houses from their foundations and tearing a 65-foot deep crater into a road, authorities said.

A couple was killed in a crash on a rain-drenched highway, while a man whose home was carried off was found unharmed in a tree, authorities said

Six inches of rain fell in just six hours from Friday night until Saturday morning, according to the National Weather Service

About 4,000 people in the area do not have electricity, and the town of Lisbon does not have water because several major water lines broke in the storm.



Big breakfast meal Fairgoers view a giant bagel that was created by Bruegger's Bagels at the annual New York State Fair in Geddes, N.Y. The bagel weighed 868 pounds, measured six feet in diameter and required a small crane to hoist it out of its custom-built oven.



Street performer Chet Mitchell, of Sunset juggler Paradise. Mich., juggles as the sun sets on vacationers and local residents at the celebration of the sunset during the Petoskey Festival on the Bay in Michigan.

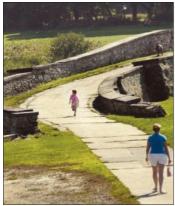


Discount shopper Sara Bertrand, 8, left, bounces an exercise ball as she waits in line to pay for it with her mother, Linda Farish, right, at the state Department of General Services sale in Sacramento, Calif. The DGS is selling off surplus office equipment and computers, along with cars, espresso machines and baseball cards the state has accumulated over the years.



Beautiful view

A rainbow arches across the Columbia River Gorge to Oregon near Cape Horn., Wash



A small child runs across a A walk in the sun stone bridge at Colt State Park in Bristol, R.I. Visitors enjoyed the sun and cool bay breezes at



One potato, two potato Manuel Ramirez removes debris from the potato conveyor belt during the first day of harvest at the Martin Farms in Fort Hall, Idaho, The potatoes are destined to be made into french fries



Randy Fish, left, Gary Talbot, top right, and Al Fauteux paint the steeple of United Church of Christ in Keene, N.H. The crew works for Al Fauteux Roofing and Steeplejack of Keene.

Landlord charged

NY ITHACA — A college student called police after discovering a pinhole camera in the bathroom of the apartment she shared with three women, and now her landlord is charged with unlawful surveillance

David A. Church, 44, of Ithaca faces four counts of unlawful video surveillance, a felony that can draw up to four years in prison.

Church owns several rental properties near Cornell University

Police said they searched two other apartments and found two ninhole cameras and several video recordings of at least four students.

Inmate escapes

DANVILLE — A Danville prisoner dumped his inmate clothes in a garbage bin and walked off a work crew wearing only a T-shirt hover shorts and work boots, authorities said.

Danville Sheriff's Maj. Ronnie Ball said Michael Dean Turner, 25, was last seen getting into a two-door, gray-green Toyota Corol-

Turner was awaiting transfer to the Department of Corrections after his July conviction for attempting to sell cocaine. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison, with five years suspended on the condition that he spend one year on probation

He could be charged with felony escape, punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$2,500 fine.

Biplane crash kills 1

PORT EDWARDS — A bi-PORT EDWARDS plane giving rides for a fund-raiser in central Wisconsin crashed upside down in a river Saturday morning, killing a Michigan woman, authorities said

The 1941 Steerman biplane's landing gear struck power lines be fore it crashed into about 3 feet of water in the Wisconsin River, said Wood County Sheriff's Sgt. Tim Ward

A 39-year-old passenger visiting the Wisconsin Rapids area with her husband, children and mother was killed Pilot Mark Strub, 42, was unable

to free the woman and ran a half-mile to a local paper mill to call for help, Sheriff Kurt Heuer said.

Strub was taken to an area hospital, but did not appear to be injured or under the influence, Ward said. The Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration was investigating the accident

Search warrant voided

ANCHORAGE - Police cannot execute a search warrant in a person's home for possession of less than 4 ounces of marijuana, the Alaska Court of Appeals ruled

The court ruled in the case of Leo Richardson Crocker Jr., who was charged with controlled substance misconduct after police, acting on a tip, searched his home and found marijuana and growing equipment.

A lower court ruled the search warrant that led to the arrest should have never been issued and suppressed the evidence against

Crocker. The appeals court agreed.

To execute a search warrant nolice must have reason to believe the amount of marijuana exceeds 4 ounces or is being used in connection with a crime, the appeals court said

Attorney General Gregg Renkes said the ruling could hamstring police efforts to stop marijuana growers. He planned to appeal to the state Supreme Court.

Bars can't bet on poker

HARTFORD - Bars betting on poker tournaments to bring in some extra cash will have to stop. The state Division of Special Revenue has issued a statement saying the tournaments violate state laws. Under state regulations, gambling is classified as a criminal misdemeanor unless all the players can prove they are friends or co-workers who see each other away from poker tables.

Bank lawsuit settled

SC SPARTANBURG — Elizabeth Davis, whose parents were killed in a Greer bank robbery last year, settled her lawsuit with Blue Ridge Savings Bank, Details of the settlement weren't released. Davis claimed the bank, located in a mobile home, failed to meet security requirements and failed to warn customers of risks Blue Ridge employee Sylvia Holtzclaw also was killed in the robbery. No one was charged in the deaths.

Guilty plea in murder

ND BISMARCK — A man who called police to confess to a 1990 killing has pleaded guilty to murder. Edward Reitan, 51, may face a 30-year sentence. Authorities say Reitan called the sheriff's office in May from a phone across the street to turn himself in for the 1990 killing of Driscoll farmer Robin Enockson

Reitan was arrested after describing the crime in detail to investigators.

Free tuition for students

TUCSON - The Arizona Board of Regents authorized the state's three public universities to award free tuition to high school students who score high on the state's graduation test. High school juniors must exceed expectations in math, reading and writing or exceed standards on two and meet standards on the third.

Students also would have to meet existing honors endorsement crite-

Police chief sworn in

HONOLULU — Boisse Correa was sworn in as the new Honolulu police chief.

Correa, 58, is the ninth chief in HPD history and replaces Lee Donohue, who retired July 1 after a 40-year career.

Correa has held the rank of assistant chief since 1998, overseeing patrol operations and the Traffic Division

Correa, who's 6-foot-6 and 255 pounds, was signed by the NFL's Cleveland Browns in 1970 but changed his mind and decided to become a police officer.

Stories and photos from wire services.



MIRAMAX FILMS/A

The acclaimed martial-arts epic "Hero," staring Jet Li, center, beat out reptiles and killers to become the top grossing film this weekend.

'Hero' prevails at box office

Martial-arts epic fights to No. 1 spot, raking in \$17.8 million

BY DAVID GERMAIN
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "Hero," Jet Li's acclaimed martial-arts epic, vanquished giant snakes, serial killers and a gang of superbabies to debut as the top weekend film with \$17.8 million.

"Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid," a sequel to 1997's monster-serpent flick, opened in second place with \$13.2 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

with \$15.2 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The weekend's other new movies debuted weakly. The serial-killer tale "Suspect Zero," starring Aaron Eckhart, Ben Kingsley and

lations Co. Inc.

\$6.7 million

\$4.6 million

Top 10 movies

Estimated ticket sales for Friday

through Sunday at North American

theaters, according to Exhibitor Re-

2. "Anacondas: The Hunt for the

4. "Princess Diaries 2: Royal En-

5. "Exorcist: The Beginning,"

7. "Open Water," \$5 million. 8. "Alien vs. Predator," \$4.8 mil-

9. "The Bourne Supremacy,"

10. "Suspect Zero," \$3.4 million

6. "Collateral." \$6.3 million.

Blood Orchid," \$13.2 million.
3. "Without a Paddle." \$8.7 mil-

1. "Hero," \$17.8 million.

gagement," \$8.1 million

Carrie-Anne Moss, came in at No. 10 with \$3.4

No. 10 with \$3. million. "Superbabies:

Baby Geniuses 2," a follow-up to the 1999 kid flick, finished at No. 11 with \$3.3 million.

The previous weekend's No. 1 movie, "Exorcist: The Beginning," tumbled to fifth-place with

\$6.7 million.

Overall, the top
12 movies
grossed \$84.7 million, virtually un-

grossed \$84.7 million, virtually unchanged over the same weekend a vear ago.

With Holly-

wood's summer season wrapping up over Labor Day weekend, the industry will finish slightly ahead of summer 2003's revenue record of \$3.9 billion. But factoring in higher admission prices, the number of tickets sold will lag a bit behind last summer's. "Hero," nominated for the foreign-language Academy

"Hero," nominated for the foreign-language Academy Award for 2002, is director Zhang Yimou's saga of China some 2.000 years ago,

The film stars Li, Maggie Cheung, Zhang Ziyi, Chen Dao Ming, Tony Leung Chiu-Wai and Donnie Yen, a line-up of Asian superstars that distributor Miramax calls the "Ocean's Eleven' of Chinese films."

"It obviously hit a nerve and certainly bodes well for Chinese films and foreign-language films," said Rick Sands, chief operating officer at Miramax, which opened "Hero" in 2,031 theaters, unusually wide for a foreign-lanquage movie. "We believed in the movie and went for it."

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Updated sports listings are available on the first Scoreboard page in the sports section or AFN's Web site at

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know her fellow jurors - and invited

them to her show to talk about the ex-

Winfrey was one of 12 jurors who

convicted a Chicago man of murder Aug. 18. The billionaire's presence

drew massive amounts of media atten-

tion to what normally would have

Winfrey briefly discussed the expe-

rience with other jurors who sat in the audience of her show before she

interviewed actors Gwyneth Paltrow

been a low-profile case

Songwriter and singer Norah Jones performs at the Old Opera in Frankfurt, Germany, on April 30. Jones has become more comfortable with life on the road and with her musical career and believes she has grown as an artist. Her latest album, "Feels Like Home," has more of a country sound than her debut, "Come Away With Me," and it energizes crowds at concerts. "Feels Like Home" sold more than 1 million copies in its first week of release.

The hour hand has spun

Before the night is done

I just have to hear

Those sweet words

Spoken like a melody

Norah Jones gets a little bit country and gets used to being a performer

By JAKE COVIE The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Norah Jones has been on the road so long, she's consid ered putting a couch on the stage and calling her tour "The Couch Tour."

The sultry-voiced Texan singer kicked off the U.S. leg of her world tour Aug. 12 with the Handsome Band, fresh from playing through Europe in support of her new album, "Feels Like

And the shy Jones, who was thrust into stardom with her runaway hit debut "Come Away With Me," is feeling more at ease.

"Performing live wasn't that great the first time around," Jones said, "But I think there's a learning curve to it, and now I feel a lot more comfortable." On stage, the normally stationary pianist is even striding out from her nerch behind the piano to sing.

"I used to think I looked like a marioette when I stand up," said Jones. "But now I'm standing up more and

wearing skirts more. When asked what led to this new ner-

forming ease, Jones concedes that much of it comes from simply getting accustomed to the bright lights of a stadium tour. But her newfound comfort on the stage is also due to remembering that she's in control.

Jones, 25, says that while there are things that she has to do as such a popular performer, she finds the key is to "try to make it fun for myself." And she's doing just that.

In concert, Jones is featuring songs from her new album, which have a more country sound and lend more energy to her shows. Jones and her band also have been playing covers of The Band and Tom Waits.

Her new album, "Feels Like Home," sold more than 1 million copies in its first week of release in February. Jones' first CD, "Come Away With Me," has sold 8 million-plus copies and garnered her eight Grammys last year, including album of the year. Her tour is scheduled to run through Nov. 14.

Jones, the daughter of New York concert producer Sue Jones and Indian musician Ravi Shankar, started singing publicly in the Dallas area at age 16. She studied jazz piano for two years at the University of North Texas in Den-

Hilton puts her life in writing

Paris Hilton is trying on a new outfit: a hard cover. The model-reality TV star has written a 198-page mem-oir, "Confessions of an Heiress: A Tongue-in-Chic Peek Behind the Pose

Though the missing Chihuahua saga was too recent to make the book, Hilton writes about her youth as an heiress in a "really close" family. Excerpts of the book (to hit shelves Sept. 7) are in the Aug. 27 edition of People magazine. Her "Confessions" reveal a girl not

as confident as the runway model frequently seen in the tabloids. Hilton's memoirs are not without fashion tips, either.

"Trust me, people act differently to you when you've got jewelry on



and Jude Law Winfrey invited the jurors to stay after the show for a lunch prepared by her personal chef.

Cornwell funds police scholarships

Author Patricia Cornwell announced she is giving \$20,000 more to fund scholarships for law enforcement officials attending the University of Tennessee's National Forensics Academy

Cornwell's 1994 book "The Body Farm" is based on the school's experimental station that studies bodies in vary-



She established the scholarship fund in 2002 and made the announcement at the academy's alumni retraining seminar in Knoxville, UT officials said.

The scholarship helps police departments with limited budgets send officers to attend the academy's 10-week training program for crime scene investigators

Simmons considers 'Queer Eye' makeover

How would the guys from "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" make over the black and white makeup of Kiss?

We may get to find out. Gene Simmons, the tongue-wagging bassist of Kiss, is considering an appearance on the Bravo reality show. On his Web site, Simmons says

that producers for the show have asked him join the Fab Five for an epi-"They called me and asked me if I

would do it. I'm a fan of the show. We may shoot on the 28th of September," Simmons says.



"Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" is in its second season. Stories and photos from wire services

Winfrey: One murder trial is enough Oprah Winfrey said she would not want to serve as a juror in a murder trial again, but she enjoyed getting to

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Horoscope

Venus blows kisses to Saturn as it passes. Personal growth will be tested, especially in regard to the way we behave in our

closest relationships. There's a chance to check yourself - are you really over that thing you said you were over? A review of past lessons in love could reveal a pattern that is still being perpetuated.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 31). Even though you feel you know yourself well, you'll deepen your knowledge this year and enable yourself to make choices that lead to your immediate

satisfaction. Your career takes off this fall, and finances improve, too. Your personal life gives you power in November. Let go of ties that require too much effort. Love signs are Aries and

Taurus ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You're ready to get current or even futuristic about the way you do business. Abandon antiquated ideas and outdated methods for the modern, streamlined and efficient, Aquarius and Gemini are your technological allies

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You'll not only know exactly how you feel; you'll also have the courage to act on a romantic impulse. Instead of trying to get all your needs met in one place, seek multiple sources of

friendship and encouragement. GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You're driven to attract new business - financial goals are looming, and you're eager to meet them! This is done most effectively through the principle of attraction. An environ ment that is functional and aesthetic wins clients

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

The stars give you a sense of accomplishment as an individual who is part of the whole today. Work with others to attain your goals. Much happens in a small group setting, and you naturally assume the leadership role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The secret to happiness is no secret at all. You'll feel happy and complete whenever you choose to feel that way. Relationships become more solid when you live by this principle. Tonight, you'll be in a precarious social situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've known yourself all these

Joyce Jillson

years, but you still have much to learn about your own complex character. Financial speculations are right on the money invest confidently. If you refuse to compromise,

you can get your way LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You attract

fans! Family members want to lend you more support but are waiting for your cue. You're so

well thought of now that you may be patted on the back for something you didn't do. You and a newcomer have chemistry.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're feeling sassy and have the attitude that you just don't care what people think. This allows you to ask for things you don't even want and certainly things that you do. Negotiate your way into prosperity and fun

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). Sometimes, the only mature way to handle serious matters is to laugh out loud. The stars support a big belly laugh this afternoon. When you see the humor in the situation. others will, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Seeing the same people and scenery day in and day out will wear on you. Luckily, it's not difficult to add dimension to your life. If you're using your creativity, your achievements will be satisfying on many levels

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Whether it's joy or sadness, you'll feel it fully, deeply, madly, Be on the lookout for energy vampires, and don't let them near. Emotions are

too easily manipulated under these skies. It's also easy to help someone feel better PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You may feel a bit restless, striving for progress in all things. Relax Balance is the key to moving forward. By just being, you are enough Accomplishments happen naturally when you believe you are entitled to

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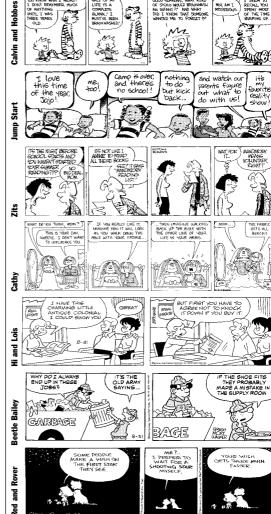


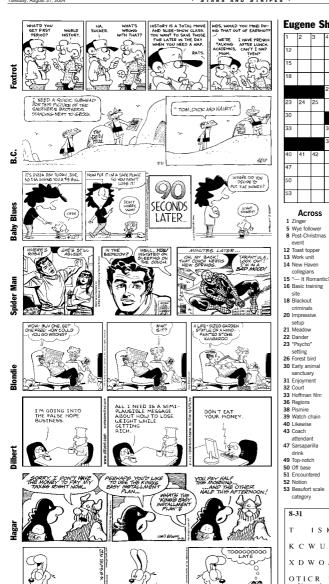






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(Answers Inmorrow)

Travel lifestyle not for everyone

Dear Abby: I usually think your advice is pretty good, but your answer to "Homebody in Norfolk, Va.," who didn't want to travel with her husband, was way off. If she doesn't like to travel she shouldn't be forced to just because that's what her husband wants. She has every right to live her life the

way she wishes, and not be coerced to do something she doesn't like just ecause she's married Travel is not pleasurable to everyone. Flying

is a big pain in the butt and can even be harmful to a person's health if he or she is susceptible to deep-vein thrombosis

You should have recommended instead a session or two of counseling so both parties can get their feelings out in the presence of a neutral party. Maybe then the husband will be more accepting of his wife's preferences.

M.M. in Kingston, N.Y. Dear M.M.: Although I didn't intend to be, you are not the only reader who felt my reaction to

harsh. Read on:

Dear Abby: You are usually sensitive to problems and con cerns, yet you assume that "Homebody" simply refuses to

go. I sometimes become panicked just going on errands, out of town, etc. To go to faraway lands promotes whol new fears

My advice would be for "Homebody" to explain to her husband why she doesn't want to go, and then reach a compromise. If he really wants to spend time with her, I'm sure he won't care where

they go. Perhaps they could find a destination that both of them would be happy with.

- Staying Put in Texas Dear Staying Put: Although I am all for compromise, I suspect compromise might be difficult for someone who hungers to visit the game parks in Africa, ride a gondola on the canals in Venice

carefully:

Since your problem is fears and panic, please read the next letter

Dear Abby: I, too, was a homebody. Now I am divorced.

I went to very few restaurants, complained about traffic and crowds, attended no concerts or movies. After nine years of putting up with my phobia, my wife divorced me. I attempted to save our marriage by seeking help from my doctor. He prescribed medication that saved me from becoming a hermit.

Please urge "Homebody" to consult her doctor.

- Rob in Indiana Dear Bob: Thank you for shar ing your personal experience. I'm glad to know that you received effective help for your problem

and are doing better. Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these four Jumbles one letter to each square. to form four ordinary words. TILUQ

GLOIC

DARAPE

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Jumbles: ENJOY AGENT BALLET What the teen said when his younger brother Answer: played his drums - "REAT IT

Grown sibling steals from parents

Dear Annie: I am one of five adult siblings. The four oldest of us are married, with families and good jobs The youngest sibling, "Lon," still lives at home with our elderly parents. We jokingly refer to his basement bedroom as his hidey-hole.

Lon has no job, no job prospects and no desire to get a job. We've had plenty of discussions in which I on has been strongly encouraged to get out of our parents' home, to no avail

It has recently come to my attention that Lon is using my parents' credit cards to make online purchases. He does this in the presence of my teenage children, who are then instructed not to tell Grandma. The packages come in the mail, and my brother sneaks them off to

I have two problems with this.



First, my brother is blatantly stealing from my parents.

And second, my children are being asked to lie to me and to their grandma. I have approached Lon and told him that my children will no longer be allowed at their grandnarents' house

unless I am with them. I let him know it was his responsibility to explain this to my parents

He has vet to do so.

My children used to visit my parents daily, but not anymore. Mom has started to question me about why her grandchildren aren't coming around.

To make matters worse, my father is literally on his deathhed

My mother is taking care of him during his final days with the assistance of hospice nurses. I don't want to dump this on

Any advice on how to handle this sensitive issue?

- Concerned in Washington

Dear Concerned: You are inadvertently punishing your parents by keeping the children away, and it will not stop Lon from stealing, nor will it force him to come clean.

Let the kids back in the house, and instruct them not to cover for their uncle. Then discuss the situation with your siblings so they will back you up.

Inform Lon the party's over, and when Mom is in a better position to cope, you will tell her exactly what's going on. Let's hope he takes this opportunity to clean up his act.

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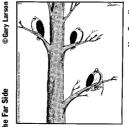
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"I'll let you know when your hair needs combing, PJ.











Time tested

History has not scarred Marksburg Castle

Stars and Strings

f the numerous castles whose jagged profiles mark the mountainsides along the Rhine north of Wiesbaden and Mainz. there is only one that was never destroyed.

Marksburg Castle, towering above the village of Braubach on the east side of the river has endured nearly 800 years of change and turmoil without seeing its ponderous stones burned, blasted or razed. Its link to its past is uninterrupted In other words, it's the real

The reason Marksburg never suffered the fate of its neighbors is its location. It sits atop a steep, isolated hill on a bend in the river. In the past, the formidable terrain so discouraged enemies that the castle, begun in the 11th century but not finished until 1231, was never attacked during the countless wars that raged around it throughout the centuries

Today tourists attacking the Marksburg face either a tough 25-minute ascent via a footpath from the parking lot at the foot of the mountain, or 119 breath-sapping steps leading from a parking lot three-fourths of the way up the hill at the end of a one-lane road.

The climb is more than worth it. Fifty-minute tours take visitors through the ramparts and into the still-furnished living quarters of the old palace. While the tours are conducted in German, most of the guides speak English. In addition, Englishspeaking visitors are given a free brochure describing the sights on the tour, and English tours can be arranged for groups of 20 or more with ad vance notice.

The tour begins with, of course, another climb. This one is up the castle's Rider's Stairway, hewn from the rock of the mountain. The stairway leads into the castle's courtyard, where a 17th-century artillery battery, supplemented by a gun built in 1450, still targets the valley below

From the courtyard, the tour winds along the ramparts and a medieval herb and vegetable garden bordering them to the entrance to the palace

While the present shoring-up of the Marksburg's main keep progresses, the first stop is a bed chamber furnished with a canopied bed, spinning wheel and cradle. Next up are the main banquet hall, still ready



Even wearing a cocoon of scaffolding, Marksburg Castle's distinctive wedding-cake keep towers over the Rhine Valley town of Braubach and its "Obertor," left.



The rock-hewn Rider's Staircase leads into the center of the castle.

for revelers with its large table. huge fireplace and strangely prominent, at least to modern eyes, toilet cubicle. Then it is on to the castle chapel, decorated with religious frescoes.

From the chapel, the tour ascends a narrow passage inside the walls to the armory, which features mannequins clad in battle dress from Grecian times through the Renaissance. In the armory, visitors can try on a heavy medieval battle helmet

From the steel battle pot, the tour turns its attention to peaceful pots and pans as it winds through the fully equipped kitchen - with a fireplace large enough for a whole ox and a stone cold-storage cabinet - to the wine cellar. The tour concludes in what were once the stables, where a large display of torture equipment fills the former stalls and provides a grim counterbalance to the romantic visions of medieval life provided by the rest of the



A rusted 17th-century gun noints over the river below Marksburg Castle as if still on guard.

Marksburg

For its old age, the Marksburg holds a lot of life. It houses the offices of the German Castles Association, and its banquet hall and kitchen are available for "Knight's Table" parties, with food cooked in authentic style and served by waiters in costume while minstrels and a bard entertain.

E-mail Rusty Bryan at: bryanr@mail.estripes.osd.mil.



On the QT



Marksburg Castle is above the town of Braubach, on the east bank of the Rhine about 30 miles north of the tourist center of Rüdesheim. From Wiesbaden, drive west on A-66, following signs toward Eltville and Rüdesheim. After passing through Rüdesheim, take B-42 along the river until reaching Braubach, about two hours from Wiesbaden in flowing traffic.



The castle is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from Easter through Sept. 1. During the rest of the year, it is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Closed Dec. 24-25



Tickets are 4.50 euros for adults, 4 euros for students and 3.50 for children. Family tickets for two adults and two or more children are 12.50 euros. Groups of 20 or more receive a discount of 50 euro cents per ticket. Parking is 1.50 euros.



The castle has a terrace snack bar serving wurst platters, pasta, desserts and ice cream. It offers tables with a superb view of the Rhine Valley. In the towns below are food establishments of all types



Find directions, photographs and history in English at www.marksburg.de/english/ frame.htm. Phone: (+49) (0) 2627-206. Guided tours in English are available for groups of 20 or more with notice

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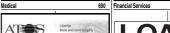
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11. (6) Dan Wheldon, Dallara-Honda, 225, \$100,800. 2. (3) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Honda, 225, \$82,900. 3. (4) Dario Franchitti, Dallara-Honda, 225, \$69,700. ,700. (10) Buddy Rice, Panoz G Force-Honda, , \$56,400. (1) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Toyota, 5. (1) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Toyota, 225, \$79,100. 6. (5) Darren Manning, Panoz G Force-Toyota, 225, \$45,700. 7. (6) Adri Dan Fern Dandez, Panoz G Force-Honda, 225, \$44,400. Force-Honda, 225, \$44,400. 8. (7) Bryan Herta, Dallara-Honda, 225, \$43,200. 9. (12) Scott Dixon, Panoz G Force-Toyota. 225, \$43,200. 10. (9) Vitor Meira, Panoz G Force-Honda, (9) Vitor Meira, Panoz G Force-Honda,
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14. (8) Justin Wilson, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/ Bridgestone, 55, mechanical. ridgestorie, 55, mechanical. 15. (1) Sebastien Bourdals, Ford-Cos-yorth/Lola/Bridgestone, 42, contact. 16. (16) Guy Smith, Ford-Cosworth/Lola/

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Pro basketball WNBA



Minnesota at Houston Sacramento at Seattle San Antonio at Los Angeles

Tennis

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Youth baseball Little League World Series

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, Aug. 29 Third Place Richmond, Texas 5, Nuevo Leon, Mexico 0
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Little League champions

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ny Wedel.

NEWARK BEARS—Signed RHP Mike Smith.

American Basketball Association

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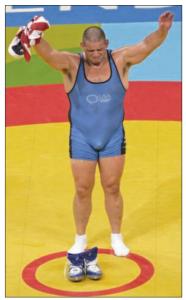
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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Golden moments



Rulon Gardner waves after taking off his shoes to symbolize his retirement after defeating Sajad Barzi, of Iran, during the Greco-Roman 120kg wrestling bronze medal bout. The American heavyweight ended a career that included a victory over the invincible Russian Alexander Karelin in the gold medal match at the 2000 Sydney Games.



The USA's Kerri Walsh teamed with Misty May to roll through the women's beach volleyball competition. They didn't lose a set en route to winning the gold medal at on of Athen's wildest venues.



Gold-medalist Carly Patterson watches the American flag rise during the medal ceremony for the individual all-around final. She is the first American to win the event since Mary Lou Retton in 1984.



Jason Gatlin reacts after winning the gold medal in the 100-meters. He was a triple medalist and helped the U.S. rule the track.



Crystl Bustos celebrates as she rounds the bases after hitting the first of her two homers in the gold medal game.



Michael Phelps displays one of the six gold medals he won. Phelps didn't top the seven won by Mark Spitz, but the swimming phenom still was the talk of the Games during the first week.



Members of the American men's eight boat, with coxswain Pete Cipollone at right, celebrate after they won the gold medal, the first in 40 years.

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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS



Deena Kastor of the United States celebrates her bronze medal in the mara thon, the last lap of which was run around the Panathe niac Stadium, the marble stadium that hosted the first Olympic Games in 1896. "It's incredible." Kastor said. "I was in tears the whole last lap." MIAMI HERALD/KRT



Mariel Zagunis jubilates after she took the gold medal in the women's individual sabre competition — the first for the U.S. fencing team since 1904 and first medal ever for the women.



ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/AP

Mia Hamm, left, and Brazil's Tania fight for a header during the gold medal soccer game. Hamm and the other five stalwarts on the American team said goodbye to their sport with gold medals.



Amanda Beard, of the United States, reacts after swimming to a gold medal in the 200-meter breaststroke. Beard also won two silver medals.

Andre Dirrell, right, from Flint,
Mich., bows after defeating
Cuba's Yordani Despaigne
Herrera during the middleweight
boxing quarterfinals. Dirrell won
the bronze medal. Light
heavyweight Andre Ward was the
only American boxer to win gold.



Gymnast Paul Hamm celebrates with trainer Don Rackey, right, after wining the gold medal in the men's all-around. The rest of the Olympics didn't go as well for Hamm, who reat glumly after his routine on the pommel horse during the men's gymmastics individual apparation of the properties of placed sixth in the competition, and had to answer questions about the all-around judging.





AP phot

Greeks lower curtain on successful Games

BY EDDIE PELLS The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - If anyone deserved a party, it was the people of Athens.

The flame went out on the Olympics during a closing ceremony Sunday night that honored the hirthnlace of the Games with an ebullient display of Greek pride and symbolism, a relief-filled celebration of the ancient and the new.

Famed Greek singer George Dalaras serenaded the crowd. Dancers danced, arms folded, legs kicking high, during an enactment of a traditional Greek wedding. Fireworks exploded over the stadium packed full with 70,000 fans who waved twinkling strobes they were given to light up the show

Hundreds of athletes from many of the 202 countries that participated mingled in the center of the stadium and paraded their flags - Canadian and Swiss, American and Brazilian - around the floor. They were ringed by a cadre of security guards. and a white security blimp hovered overhead, just two of the strong reminders of how much the world has changed since the Sydney Games four years ago

Later, the huge white torch that burned brightly over the stadium for 17 days was lowered and symbolic remnants of the flame were passed to the people of Beijing, where the Games will be held in 2008.

China's capital city put on a short ceremony filled with a preview of what's to come. Chinese string instruments played and red-clad martial arts performers romped around the stage.

Elaborately clad women wearing headdresses walked out on stilts. A giant, red lantern popped up and, while a young Chinese girl sang, a banner was unfurled that said "Welcome to Beijing."

China will have to put on quite a show to match Greece, a poor country that spent \$8.5 billion to bring the Games back to their home, and often wondered if the effort was worth it.

"The world discovered a new Greece," said Athens 2004 President Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, who made it all hapnen with her fierce determination to over come construction delays and avoid international humiliation



Flagbearers from the Olympic nations enter the stadium during the closing ceremony on Sunday. Over 300 gold medals were awarded during the 19 days of the Olympics.

The three-week festival of sports was tumultious as expected but not for the reasons most people anticipated.

Athens put the finishing touches on its Games with only days remaining - paint really was still drying in some places when the torch was lit. But the city put on a fantastic — and safe — show, much to the surprise of skeptics who fretted over the country's readiness and security issues almost from the day it was awarded the Games.

While Greece shone, the athletes, delegations and even the fans were not as well-be-

These Games were marred by doping scandals, booing in the stands and protests by the teams. The misbehavior extended right to the very end, when a man jumped out of the crowd and tackled Brazilian marathoner Vanderlei de Lima. He recovered. and finished third

"I think the Olymnic spirit prevailed and I prevailed," de Lima said during a news conference, held in the bowels of the stadium while the ceremony rocked on ahove

The complaints came in no fewer than six sports, most notably in gymnastics, where South Korea's protest of American



II.S. rower Kent Smack carries flags from various nations during Sunday's ceremony.

Paul Hamm's all-around gold medal became one of a handful of unsavory stories that dominated the Games. Disgraced Greek sprint stars Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou also played a role, and a record two dozen athletes were caught on doping cases On Sunday, though, it was time to cele-

brate the Olympic spirit and the Olympic



The Olympic Flame is passed to a child carrying a lantern during the closing ceremonies of the Athens Games on Sunday.

hosts that held the first Games in 776 R.C. and resurrected the modern-day version in

Athens was only one of the sites. The Games also made a cameo appearances in Olympia to watch the shot put, and to Marathon to stand on the spot where the race got its name

Mia Hamm was the U.S. flagbearer during this, the last of three medal-winning appearances for her at the Olympics.

In his closing remarks, International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge lauded Athens, a city that came close to having the Games taken away because of massive construction delays. You have won," Rogge said. "You have

won by brilliantly meeting the tough challenge of holding the Games. These were unforgettable, dream Games.

Drama: Athens was perfect Olympic theater

DRAMA, FROM BACK PAGE

The electricity meant victories The Americans dominated at the track, collecting an Athens-best 24 medals. Even better, none were caught using banned substances in the year of the burgeoning BALCO scandal.

The drug-free Americans weren't ugly, either. The U.S. athletes, after getting pre-Olympic instructions on proper decorum. behaved perfectly - as did their hosts. The Athens Games were a success by acclamation, as pretty as the blue skies above the Acropolis each sunny morning.

"It was incredible to come in here, to be so safe, to feel confi-dent and relaxed," said Phelps, who stayed around an extra week for the closing ceremony, "I can't say how great the city of Athens has been

Great? Yes. Perfect? That de-

scribed the American softball

The softballers, winning a gold for their recently widowed coach, did everything right in Athens. taking nine straight games while outscoring their opponents 51-1. It was their third consecutive Olympic title.

The ancient city did suffer some modern Olympic woes doping problems (a record high of 23 cases, with six medals stripped), a gymnastics scoring ike that left gold medalist Paul Hamm twisting in the wind, and angry protests over the later-canceled visit of U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Few, however, could dispute International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge's contention that the Games were "splendid" and the security just

That was vital in the first Sum-

mer Games since Sept. 11, 2001, with athletes competing under 202 flags. The sight of a blimp wafting across the sky once signaled a sponsor's advertisement; now, it was part of a \$1.5 billion se-

curity plan. But the attention turned quickly to the athletes after the opening ceremony.

There were disappointments: The men's basketball team, undefeated since NBA players joined the mix in 1992, went home with a bronze after losing three games in Athens with its voungest roster

And track star Jones, the winner of five medals in Sydney, won nothing in Athens — losses that only intensified the speculation fueled by allegations she used steroids in Australia. A botched handoff in the 400-meter relay led to a disqualification for the American team, shortly after she failed to medal in the long jump.

But the downers were over-

shadowed by the only-in-Athens moments, where the athletes of the 21st century enjoyed a bit of time travel

In Ancient Olympia, where the games were born 28 centuries ago, American Adam Nelson won a silver in the shot put. Following the route first run by Pheidip-pides in 490 B.C., U.S. marathon runner Deena Kastor cantured the bronze, running her last lap around the marble Panathinaiko Stadium that hosted the 1896

The Games ended in the new Olympic Stadium, the 72,000-seat facility designed by Spanish archi-tect Santiago Calatrava, with a closing ceremony attended by thousands of Olympic athletes from around the world. The journey to Beijing is next for many of



America's "Dream Team" wasn't its much-hyped group of NBA stars, but its softhall team, which dominated Olympic competition on the way to a gold medal.

'It's amazing and it never gets old," said soccer player Kristine Lilly, herself a three-time Olympian, "It's an experience I'll cherish forever."

Beijing buildup under way

China out to make 2008 Games most organized, competitive ever

BY NIKO PRICE

ATHENS, Greece — Even before the athletes claimed all the gold in the Athens Games, the buildup to the 2008 Beijing Olympics was in full swing.

They could be the most elaborate, best organized and most competitive Games ever. They could also be the toughest yet for the United States.

"It's almost like a buildup to a war," said Bob Condron, a spokesman for the U.S. Olympic Committee

The countdown to China began Sunday, when Beijing's mayor took possession of the Olympic flag during an eight-minute pagant at the Abness closing ceremony tying ancient Olympia to the Great Wall of China. Directing was Zhang Yimou, famous for his visually lush movies including "Raise the Red Lantern" and the Oscar-nominated "Hero."

China wants to show that it is going all out, and this is a country that knows how to go all out. After all, it built the Great Wall. It recently remodeled its largest cities, sacrificing entire neighborhoods for six-lane avenues and skyscrapers. In 1958, it implemented a misguided industrialization plan with such fervor that 40 million people starved to death.

Now, after a two-decade shift from closed socialist fieldom toward global economic powerhouse, China plans to use the Olympics to demonstrate that the world's most populous nation is a surging force to be reckoned with —and not only in sports.

"The Games will be a kind of vehicle to showcase China opening up," said Wang Wei, secretary-general of the organizing committee. "China is the biggest developing country, the fastest-growing economy, and the Olympics enjoy the greatest popular support in China."

Condron put it more simply:

"This is the biggest coming-out party in history."

Organizers are trying to calm concerns over their nation's humans rights record — which drew protests in Athens — and pledging not to stifle the 20,000 journalists expected to journey to Beijing.

To be a success, China believes, everything will have to be nerfect.

In sharp contrast to Greece, which finished Olympic venues only days before the Games began, China drew up plans to complete everything two years early. A massive propaganda machine is spreading awareness of



Chinese construction workers carry a water hose past the Olympic rings on the streets of Beijing, China, on June 7. Beijing will host the 2008 Olympic Games. Unlike Athens, which was plagued by delays and finished some of its Olympic venues days before the start of the Games, Beijing is planning on finishing two years early. "If you need a million men to finish a stadium, you make a phone call and they're there overnight," said Olympic documentary filmmaker Bud Greenspan, who has worked closely with China's Olympic organizers.



Among China's goals is domination of international sports and the Olympic medal count. Liu Xiang's gold medal in the men's 110-meter hurdles Friday is evidence that they're making progress toward that goal.

sports and Olympic traditions among China's 1.3 billion people. The government is falling over itself to prepare infrastructure even changing laws to please IOC

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The Chinese people are no less passionate about the Games than their government. When the Olympic torch came through China in June on its way to Greece, Wang said, more than 1 million people turned out to see it pass.

"The celebration, the atmosphere was great," he said. "Just imagine when the Beijing opening ceremony takes place. It's going to be fantastic!"

The government recently revised its construction plans, delaying them to finish one year before the Games. The reason? The International Olympic Committee, accustomed to pressuring host nations to speed up their efforts, suggested China slow down to avert a cash-flow problem. To the dismay of other nations,

the IOC cannot offer such guidance to China's sports machine. It is roaring ahead with a single goal: to destroy all competition in 2008. The United States, the medals winner in Athens, is enemy No. 1.

"The Chinese buildup is the most massive in sports history," Condron said. "They may be so good that they could put the medals race out of sight." China participated in 14 of 28

sports in Sydney. In Athens, it competed in 26. Its goal for 2008 is to enter athletes in every sport — athletes who can win.

"They're going to swamp every-

Summer Olympics host cities

1900	Paris
1904	St. Louis
1906	Athens
1908	London
1912	Stockholm
1920	Antwerp
1924	Paris
1928	Amsterdam
1932	Los Angeles
1936	Berlin
1948	London
1952	Helsinki
1956	Melbourne
1960	Rome
1964	Tokvo
1968	Mexico City
1972	Munich
1976	Montreal
1980	Moscow
1984	Los Angeles
1988	Seoul
1992	Barcelona

body," Greenspan said with a chuckle.

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He Huixian, a vice chairman of the Chinese Olympic Committee, said his nation has stepped up training for young people in sports like swimming and track and field — competitions in which many medals are awarded but China has traditionally fielded weak teams.

Those efforts have already begun to pay off: Look no further than China's two gold medals in track and field Friday.

Other sports powers — the United States, Russia, Germany and Australia — also are targeting resources to boost athlete training, but China's push is more efficient because the government funds and exerts strong control over

Children are tested at a young age to determine if their bodies will develop appropriately for a certain sport, then are placed into government-funded sports schools that have demanding training schedules but offer major perks for the children's families.

The head of the Russian Olympic delegation observed that the Chinese system is really the old Soviet system, and "they just took it from us."

China's delegation to Athens even sacrificed some older athletes in favor of less qualified younger ones, so they could gain Olympic experience that will help them triumph in 2008.

"If the home team doesn't perform well, you don't have a good atmosphere in the Games," Wang

Asked whether that meant China would steamroll over the competition, Wang gave a knowing smile and a humble response. "No need to be frightened." he

44 The Chinese buildup is the most massive in sports history. They may be so good that they could put the medals race out of sight. ??

U.S. triumphs tempered by some disappointments

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - By all ac-counts, the United States had a great Olympics.

Americans won 103 medals, more than in Sydney or Atlanta. Michael Phelps put on a show for the ages, capped by a wonderful lesson in sportsmanship. Paul Hamm offered a tremendous re-

minder about never giving up The amazing thing is, it could have been better.

Americans won just 35 gold medals, the fewest since Montreal, 28 years ago. Phelps fell short of the goal he set and \$1 million bonus he craved. And Hamm is still defending the legitimacy of his triumph.

So while Athens will go down as one of the best Summer Games for the red, white and blue, don't put it at the top of the list.

These great Olympics could have been superb. But something always got in the way.

Look at Phelps. He won eight medals, something no American and only one other Olympian had done. The let-down was that two were bronze. Had they been gold, he would've met his dream of breaking the record of seven golds won by Mark Spitz in 1972 - and collected a \$1 million bonus

"I can't say enough about what an honor it was to even have the opportunity to attempt that, Phelps said Sunday.

Phelps could have closed his games by swimming the butterfly leg of the 400-meter relay. Instead, he gave his spot to team-mate and top rival Ian Crocker. not because he was tired but so they could both get a medal. They did. Gold.

Schoolteachers and coaches can get a lot of mileage out of that one. They also can tell kids about Hamm, who went from a vault landing that sent him tumbling onto the judges' table — and into 12th place - to winning the all-around gold with two near-perfect performances.

He was hardly able to savor the comeback, though, because of a scoring squabble that has outlasted the Olympic flame. The cauldron was extinguished Sunday night, but the Court of Arbitration for Sport headed back to Lausanne, Switzerland, without having ruled on South Korea's reest to have the top three reshuffled with its gymnast on top.

The list of U.S. champions includes the expected, like Phelps and the softball and women's basketball squads; the hoped for, like Hamm and fellow gymnast Carly Patterson; and pleasant surprises, like Mariel Zagunis winning the first American gold in fencing since 1904. More notable are the names

that are missing — most promi-nently the men's basketball team that had been unbeaten at the Olympics since adding NBA play ers in 1992. The squad formerly known as the Dream Team got one of those. They were shut out for the first time in 92 years.

American boxers had their worst Olympics in 56 years, win-ning just two medals. At least one was gold, though, the first by the squad since 1996.

In track, medal sweeps in the men's 200 and 400 meters were great. Silver in the men's 400 relay and a disqualification in the vomen's race weren't. The men had won seven of the last nine times they entered. The women had won four of the last five.

The male track team ended up with its most medals since 1992. The women had their fewest since '76, hindered by having left some of their best sprinters home in the wake of a steroid scandal

There also was turnover within the team. Justin Gatlin, Allyson Felix and Lauryn Williams were among a new wave of Olympians who sparkled, while established stars like Gail Devers. Allen Johnson and Stacy Dragila failed to even make any finals

Rulon Gardner, the best story in Sydney, wasn't able to defer his wrestling gold medal. He wasn't too upset, though. The bronze he won was just as precious because of what he'd been through since 2000: a near-fatal snowmobile wreck that cost him a toe, a motorcycle crash and a dislocated wrist playing basketball

Then there are the ones that got away, like shot putter Adam Nelson tying for first but getting silver on the tiebreaker because he fouled on all of his other throws.

And how about the 50-meter three-position rifle event? Matt Emmons took a commanding lead into his final blast, then shot the



U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps tied an Olympic record with eight medals, and capped off his Games with a lesson in sportmanship by giving up his spot in the final relay to teammate/rival lan Crocker.

wrong target. The goof sunk him As with any Games, this was the

st hurrah for many champions. Swimmer Jenny Thompson who won two silvers to bump her American-best career medal total to 12, isn't likely to be back for a

fifth games.

Dawn Staley is calling it quits after leading the women's baskethall team to three straight golds And the five stalwarts on the women's soccer team - Mia Hamm Julie Foudy, Brandi Chastain, Joy Fawcett and Kristine Lilly also going out in golden style.

"It's not about the medal Hamm said, "it's about the dream

Stars and flops of Athens

ATHENS, Greece — The stars and flops of the Olympics;

Stars

Michael Phelps won eight medals, tying the record for most at one Olympics with six golds

at one Olympics with six golds and two bronzes.

Hicham El Guerrouj of Morocco became the first man in 80 years to sweep the Olympic middle-distance races, winning the

die-distance races, winning the Spot and outsting rival Bernard Lagat of Kenya in the 1500. The 1500 should be considered a controversy involving a South Ko-ream whose routine was incorrectly scored by Judges. Hamm added "Carly Patterson became the first American woman to win the years of the considered and years of the sound of the sound of the sound of the first American woman to win the sound to the sound of the force of the sound of sound of sound of sound of sound of sound sound of sound sound

■ The U.S. softball team — led by Crystl Bustos, Jennie Finch, Cat Osterman and Lisa Fernandez — was dominant on its gold-medal outscoring

51-1.

The U.S. women's basketball team — a star-studded line that included Dawn Staley, Lisa Lesile and Sheryl Swoopes — beat Australia 74-63 for gold.

Andre Ward won the light heavyweight gold, one of only the U.S. men's elite eight crows set a world record in the

crew set a world record in the semifinals, then ended a 40-year American drought in rowing gold nedals.

Mariel Zagunis of the United

States won gold in saber — the first for the U.S. fencing team since 1904 and first medal ever for the women.

I lraq's soccer team made an

unexpected run to the bronze-medal game, losing 1-0 to

Italy.

U.S. sprinter Justin Gatlin held

of world's fastest man.

Jeremy Wariner won the 400-meter run, leading a U.S. sweep with Otis Harris and Derrick Brew. Abby Wambach's 10-yard header lifted the United States to

a 2-1 win over Brazil for soccer gold in the last game for World Cup champion veterans Mia Hamm, Julie Foudy and Joy Fawc-ett.

■ Kelly Holmes of Britain surged to win the 1,500 meters gold, clinching a rare middle dis-tance Olympic double after win-ning the 800.

ning the 800.

■ Yelena Isinbayeva of Russia set a world record in the pole vault for the fourth time this year, clearing 16-1¼ to win gold in a duel with teammate Svetlana Feofanova.

■ U.S. beach volleyball stars

■ U.S. beach volleyball stars Misty May and Kerri Walsh won gold without losing a set. ■ Israeli windsurfer Gal Frid-man won sailing's Mistral class, his nation's first Olympic gold

Flops

Marion Jones left Athens without a medal after a botched handoff in the 400-meter relay and a mediocre fifth-place long jump. She won five medals four years ago in Sydney.

The U.S. men's basketball team lost its opening game to Puerto Rico by 19 points and added

two more losses en route to a ize medal.

bronze medal.

Greek sprinters Kostas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou were disgraced by allegations they tried to avoid a doping test, then hours later were involved in a suspicious motorcycle wreck.

World champion Perdita Felicien of Canada was in tears on the track after slamming into a hotel and knocking Russian Irina. Shevchenko out of the 100-meter

Shevchenko out of the 100-meter hurdles.

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vance.
■ At least six medals — three

- were revoked because of

by numerous scoring and judging disputes, affecting gymnastics, swimming, equestrian, rowing and fencing.



Carly Patterson became the first American woman since Mary Lou Retton in 1984 to win the all-around title. She also won two silvers.



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From scandal to ambush, Athens had it all

t began with a scandal in the sprints and ended with an ambush in the man athon

The first rocked the host nation The second startled everyone else.

All it proved is that for grand stages and stunning surprises, there is still nothing in sports quite like the Olympics.

Only at the Games could U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps win six golds and two bronze, and leave people wondering what might have been. Then he did something almost as impressive. Phelps handed his spot on the 400-meter medley relay team to friend and rival Ian Crocker, took a seat in the stands, and cheered his heart out.

"I wanted to come in here and I wanted to win one gold medal. And I did it the first night," Phelps said

"So, from then on out I was here to have fun and ... represent my country as best as I could.

Nowhere else could Moroccan Hicham El Guerrouj, the greatest middle-distance runner of all-time, leave everybody murmuring about what should have been. He won the 1,500 gold after failing twice before at the games, and then added the 5,000 - a double that hadn't been accomplished since Paavo Nurmi did it in 1924.

Only at the Olympics could U.S. gymnast Paul Hamm go home with a gold wondering what still might be

And only here could two dozen athletes get busted for drugs - more than twice the number at Sydney four years ago — and have it widely hailed as a success.

These were the Games where it became increasingly difficult to cheat and where clean athletes were better protected," IOC chief Jacques Rogge said at the closing ceremony Sunday night.

Jim Litke

erything came together spectacularly at the last minute for the or-Precious few athletes, however. were so blessed.

Members of the U.S. men's basketball team, by reputation the biggest lock at the start of the Games. stumbled over their size 15 sneakers and

had to scramble for bronze. The win that knocked them out propelled Argentina to the top of the medal stand, but their countrymen were probably too busy celebrating to notice. Only in a soccer-mad land like Argentina would certain gold in their national pastime trump the piggest upset of the Games.

Upset is how the Greeks felt when hometown heroes Kostis Kenteris and Katerina Thanou skinned a drug test on the eye of the opening ceremony to take a mysterious midnight motorcycle ride that ended with

both forced to withdraw from the Games. U.S. track star Marion Jones was fortunate to stay ahead of the drug testers, but she couldn't say the same about the compe-

She was soundly beaten in the long jump, then undone in the 400-meter relay by a botched pass of the baton

'It exceeded my wildest dreams," she said afterward, "in a negative sense Brazilian marathoner Vanderlei de Lima knew exactly how she felt. He was leading the race with about 10 minutes and three miles to go when a defrocked Irish priest in a bizarre costume stepped onto the course and shoved de Lima into the crowd. De

Lima got back into the race, but was eventually passed by the winner, Stefano Baldini of Italy

'I'm not going to cry forever about the incident, although it broke my concentra-tion," de Lima said, "but I managed to finish and the bronze medal in such a difficult marathon is also a great achievement.

Not everyone was treated so cruelly

Greco-Roman wrestler Rulon Gardner couldn't duplicate the drama he staged in Sydney, but at least he left on his terms With tears rolling down his face and an American flag cradled in his arms, Gardner took off his shoes and left them in the middle of the mat - as eloquent a retirement ceremony as there is in sports

"I came back and won a medal. Even though it's bronze, I have no regrets because I gave 100 percent in every match," Gardner said.

His leaving was offset by arrivals every bit as inspiring.

Chinese sprinter Liu Xiang won the 110-meter hurdles to become his nation's first gold medalist in track and equaled the world record of 12.91 seconds in the bargain. It was the centerpiece of a haul of 32 second only to the United States total of 35 — that sent a shiver down the spine of every nation headed for Beijing in 2008, when the Olympics become home games for the world's most populous nation. Some nations, though, were too busy

shivering with joy to notice. Windsurfer Gal Fridman won Israel's first gold. Ahmed Al Maktoum, a wealthy sheik, gave the United Arab Emirates its first gold in trap shooting. Taiwan got its first in taekwondo; the Dominican Republic in men's 400-meter hurdles, Chile in tennis and Georgia in judo.

The Games returned to Athens after 108

years on the road, but some things never changed.

Among the athletes stripped of their edals was Russian shot putter Irina Korzhanenko. She tested positive for steroids, a case that was particularly distressing since she became the first woman to win a gold at Ancient Olympia, the hallowed site where the Olympics were born in 776 B.C.

A scandal of a more recent vintage reared its head when the International Gymnastics Federation, known as FIG. suspended three judges and acknowledged that South Korean Yang Tae-voung - who finished two places down the podium from Hamm in the closest all-around finish in Olympic history — should have been awarded more points for his routine based

on the degree of difficulty.

Had he been given the correct score,
Yang would have won the gold and Hamm the silver. But a review of Yang's performance also revealed a mistake in his routine that would have resulted in his being beaten by a wider margin. incompetence knows no Showing

bounds, FIG boss Bruno Grandi then suggested Hamm give the gold to Yang to get the protesting South Koreans off his back. But they left Athens without satisfaction, awaiting a decision from the Court of Arbitration for Sport on an appeal.

The South Koreans drew on the prece

dent set by the IOC at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games, when another judging scandal resulted in a Canadian figure-skating pair being awarded a duplicate gold.

Whatever wounds the IOC hoped to close at the time, that move could turn out to be the start of an epidemic.

Not long after the marathon ended Brazil announced it, too, would ask the arbitration panel for a duplicate gold.

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Turin facing questions on readiness for 2006

BY ALAN ABRAHAMSON

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Los Angeles Times

ATHENS, Greece - When the flame went out Sunday night at Olympic Stadium, the spotlight shifted immediately to the next edition of the Games, the Winter Olympics in Turin, Italy, which begin Feb. 10, 2006, not even 18

months from now It's hardly certain, officials

said, that Turin - in Italian, Torino, the name the city will be called on NBC's Olympic telecasts - will be ready

For public consumption, Olympic insiders express only modest concern. Behind the scenes, they are far more direct. Referring to the troubled preparation for the Athens Games - concerns over construction, transportation, security and cost overruns - a senior Olympic official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "We will remember this as the greatest, compared to Torino. Torino is

At the same time, Olympic offi-cials also say the Turin Games could - and should - set a new standard for style and other "look of the Games" issues, meaning the way the Olympic venues look in person and on television.

The Turin "look" is based on ne "piazza," or city square, which chief organizer Valentino Castellani has described as the "perfect Italian metaphor for the Olympic Games — a place of passion and participation."

"A terrific idea," said Jean-Claude Killy, the three-time 1968 Grenoble Games skiing gold medalist who oversaw the 1992 Winter Games in Albertville, France, and now heads the Inter-

national Olympic Committee's inspection team for Turin.

There are construction concerns in Turin, just as there were in Athens. For instance, will the bobsled track be built in time? 'We have asked our friends in Turin to accelerate prepara-tions," Jacques Rogge, IOC president, said. "We are sure they will deliver, but a sense of urgency is needed. It is the same thing we asked our Athens friends."

A long-standing concern has been Turin's plan to split action between the city and the mountains an hour's drive away. The ice sports will be in Turin, the sports in the mountains Will it work? It worked well in Salt Lake City and Nagano, Japan, less so in Lillehammer, Norway, and Albertville, France. These Winter Games will be

the first Olympics in Italy since the Summer Games in Rome in 1960, but much of the nation has welcomed their approach with a ho-hum attitude.

Turin is tucked into northwest Italy, away from Rome, Milan, Na-ples and Florence. Long Fiat's base, it is the Detroit of Italy — a car-company town - and hardly a must-see on the tourist circuit.

That's why local bidders sought the Games — to change Turin's image, in the way that Barcelona used the 1992 Games to promote itself. That's also why the rest of Italy has been lukewarm, the Games seen as a regional, not na tional, phenomenon.

Rogge and Killy are to meet with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi next month, hoping to increase support.

In a further effort to generate support, the Olympic torch for the Turin Games relay will be pre-

sented next January — in Milan.
The relay will start Dec. 8, 2005
— in Rome. The flame will travel throughout the country, in Paler mo for Christmas, Naples for New Year's, Cortina d'Ampezzo — site of the 1956 Winter Games - on Jan. 26, 2006, the 50th anniversa-ry of the opening ceremony there.

Perhaps most pressing for the Turin Games, however, are ques-tions about the management structure, leadership abilities and the lack of business and sports ex-perience at the top of the Turin 2006 organizing committee.

Unlike recent organizing committees, here in Athens — there is no undisputed chief executive. Key responsibilities are often shared by the committee's presi dent, former Turin mayor Castel-lani; deputy president Evelina Christillin, and chief executive Paolo Rota.

"We are totally aware of our problems," Christillin said, but pledged that things would work out, just as they did in Athens. "We are sure our Games will be good Games."



Broncos RB Anderson sidelined indefinitely

From wire reports

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. - Denver Broncos running back Mike Anderson will see a specialist on Monday for another opinion on his groin injury, coach Mike Shanahan said but it annears Anderson will be out awhile.

Anderson could miss anywhere from two months to the entire sea-

Shanahan said the team won't know how long Anderson will be out until after he sees the special.

Luther Elliss has a partially torn right pectoral muscle NFL and he could out two

briefs



weeks. Elliss,

Anderson hurt his groin covering a punt with less than two minutes remaining in Friday's exhibition game against Houston

Anderson slimmed down to 227 pounds to return to tailback after a couple of seasons at fullback. He rushed for 163 vards and a touchdown on 34 carries in the exhibition season before the injury.

While Anderson is out, the Broncos have rookie Tatum Bell and veteran Garrison Hearst to back up starter Quentin Griffin.

"That's why we got Garrison this offseason, that's why we drafted Tatum Bell," offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak said. "We're built for this situation. You don't like it, but we're built for it.

Even though they have good depth at running back, the Broncos were hoping for the best with



Denver Broncos running back Mike Anderson grimaces in pain after injuring his groin in the fourth quarter against the Houston Texans.

"If anybody can make it back, that one can," Kubiak said. "He's a tough kid. Hopefully he will be back

Browns OB Garcia wants more action

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Nearly every time he talks, Cleveland Browns quarterback Jeff Garcia has a new worry.

Two weeks ago he was concerned that the offense wasn't maximizing his talents. Last Wednesday, he lamented the wide receivers' lack of involve-

But Garcia was clearly at his most frustrated Saturday night following the Browns' penal-ty-plagued 21-19 victory at Kansas City.

The three-time Pro Bowler who joined the Browns in March criticized the coaching staff for not playing him enough to get the passing game ready for the Sept. 12 opener against Baltimore.

He's run a total of 52 plays, not counting penalties, in three preseason games. He's completed 12 of 20 passes for 115 yards with a long gain of 25 yards.

"Right now it's very frustrating. We need to find a way to get on the same page," Garcia said.
"Throwing the ball six or seven times a game just isn't going to do anything for me and for the receivers. I'm new to this offense, I need some opportunities.

"We haven't really seen enough time on the field to get anything going."

Garcia said he was surprised at the start of the second quarter when new offensive coordinator Terry Robiskie asked him if he was ready to come out. The Browns had just scored in three plays, all runs by William Green and Lee Suggs, to take a 7-6 lead with 13:58 left before halftime.

"I said, 'I haven't done any thing. I don't feel like I've even been in the game. I need at least one more series." Garcia said he told Robiskie. "I got three more plays, and that was it.

I know the main thing is that it's the regular season that counts. We don't want to risk injurv. But I also want to find my way and be able to get dirty and try to make plays. It just seemed too sporadic.

Against the Chiefs, Garcia ran 15 plays, with five others nullified by penalties for false start, illegal formation and illegal motion.

As much as the passing game needs to gel Garcia expects to play barely more than a quarter in Friday's home preseason finale against Chicago.

Asked if he needed three quarters against the Bears, Garcia said, "It's not going to happen. It's the last preseason game. Now the focus is more on preparing for Baltimore than it is for Chicago

Boerigter might miss season

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Marc gery on Monday and might be lost Boerigter will undergo knee sur-City's tattered wide receiver corns into even greater disarray Boerigter, who seemed ready

to rebound from a subpar 2003 season, twisted his right knee in a noncontact play early in the Chiefs' 21-19 exhibition loss Saturday night to Cleveland.

Coach Dick Vermeil said Sunday that doctors believe Boerigter might have suffered ligament damage.

"I'll know more tomorrow after they operate as to what the projec-tions are," Vermeil said. "Personally. I don't believe [Boerigter will return this season. That hurt me more than losing the game.'

The 6-foot-3 Boerigter totaled 420 yards and eight touchdowns on just 20 catches in 2002, his first year in the NFL. He slumped last season but looked sharp all through camp, catching four pass**NFL** transactions

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Released WR hris Collins, WR Fablan Davis, PK Matt brdvce, DT Nate Hobgood-Chittick, LB Conchris Lewis, WR Derek gie Grimes, PK Damon Duvai, Ub David Rivers, CB Brandon Williams, RB Zack Abron, C David Ashkinaz, WR Chris Curd, DE Kevin Emanuel, T William Henry, G Rodney Reed, CB Pat Ricketts and LB

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es for 50 vards last Monday night against St. Louis.

Johnny Morton, slated to start
alongside Eddie Kennison at

wide receiver, has missed virtual ly the entire training camp with a sore Achilles' tendon. Kennison, also slowed by injury, made his first start of the preseason against the Browns.

Junqueira back in points race try to fend off the youngster as they drove into a

MONTREAL — After two runner-up finishes in the season standings, Bruno Junqueira figures it's his turn to win a Champ Car title.

On Sunday, he kept his hopes alive with a victory in the Montreal Molson Indv. The Brazilian driver, once all but out of the cham-



pionship picture in a season dominated by Newman/Haas Racing teammate Sebastien Bourdais, got back into it by staying out of trouble in the chaotic race. Bourdais didn't. "This is going to give me and

my team a lot of confidence going into the last four races of the season," Junqueira said. "We're going to work hard and try to catch Sebastien for the cham-

With his title hopes on the brink of extinction, Junqueira finally had some good luck after a season filled with misfortunes and disappointments The victory, combined with Bourdais' 15th-place

finish, put some life back into the championship battle that appeared all but over when Bourdais won his sixth pole of the year and went into the race Sunwith a 58-point lead over Junqueira.

With the sixth victory of his career and first since last August in Denver, Junqueira sliced that margin to 34 points with four races remaining.

It appeared to be another good day for Bourdais when he dominated the early part of the 69-lap race on the 2.709-mile Circuit Gilles Villeneuve.

The Frenchman built a lead close to 10 seconds over Junqueira before stopping a second time on lap 41. Bourdais, on cold tires, came out of the pits just ahead of rookie A.J. Allmendinger and sped up to sharp right-hand turn. The cars hanged together. breaking Bourdais' right front suspensi ing his race.

Wheldon leads Andretti team sweep NAZARETH, Pa. - Dan Wheldon took advantage

of a fiery mishap during a pit stop by leader Sam Hornish Jr. and extended Honda's winning streak to 12 races with a record-setting victory Sunday in the last race at Nazareth Speedway. Wheldon's third career victory and third of the

season came in the Firestone Indy 225 - the IRL's 100th race. It was an emotional victory for car owner Michael Andretti, a lifelong resident of this Lehigh Valley village who won the first race at the track in 1987

Wheldon beat teammate Tony Kanaan, the IRL points leader, by 3.5553 seconds. The victory moved Wheldon within 72 points of Kanaan. Dario Franchitti, a winner a week earlier at Pikes Peak International Raceway, made it a top-three

sweep for Andretti Green Racing - the first in IRL history.
"This is the biggest win in my career as a team

owner for sure," Andretti said. "And to do it in style, 1-2-3 That's awesome '

Hornish was in control when he pitted under caution on the 146th of 225 laps. But Hornish left before refueler Chris Seaman disengaged the hose. It split and fuel spewed out as Seaman fell to the

ound. As he lay there flailing his arms to indicate fire from invisible methanol fuel, team owner Roger Penske was the first to douse him with water. Seaman escaped injury because of his fire suit.

Hornish had to come back in one lap later because the left side of his car was afire.

Closing birdies lift Stadler

closed with four straight birdies in a 5-under-par 67 for a one-shot victory Sunday at the Tradition and his second major on the Champions Tour.

Stadler finished at 13-under 275. a stroke ahead of Jerry Pate (66) and Allen Doyle (71) at Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club.

Hometown favorite Peter Jacobsen was one of seven golfers at 11 under.

Stadler, who started the round four stokes behind the leaders. had a difficult third shot from the rough on the par-5 18th, but hit his approach within 4 feet of the pin. He made the birdie putt to reach 13 under, and headed to the clubhouse to see if the lead would hold up against five others one

Jacobsen, a Portland native, missed a 4-foot birdie putt at No. 16 that would have given him the lead.

Pate eagled the par-5 16th to take the lead at 14 under, a shot ahead of Vicente Fernandez, but fell back with bogeys on the final

Austin takes Buick in playoff CROMWELL, Conn. - Woody

Golf roundup

6-foot birdie nutt on the first playoff hole to beat Tim Herron

and win the Buick Championship. Austin shot a 4-under-par 66 and finished 10 under in regulation for his second career victory and first in 274 events.

Austin had a chance to win the tournament on the final hole of regulation, but flew his approach about 80 feet past the pin and made a bogey on the 18th.

Herron bounced back from a double-bogey on the 17th hole by making a 24-foot birdie putt at No. 18 to force the playoff.

Ochoa surges past Park

KUTZTOWN, Pa. - Lorena Ochoa birdied three of the last holes to overcome five-stroke deficit and win the Wachovia LPGA Classic.

Ochoa finished with a 65 to score a 19-under 269 for her second career win. She took the lead for good when third-round leader Grace Park bogeyed the 15th one of three bogeys by Park on the back nine Park finished two strokes behind Ochoa.

Curacao tops Calif. for Little League title

BY DAN LEWERENZ The Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. Carlos Pineda looked shaky when he started with three con secutive balls and then bit California's leadoff batter. But he got a lot better in a hurry.

Pineda struck out 11, and Jurickson Profar hit a two-run homer as Pabao Little League of Willemstad, Curacao, took an early lead and held on for a 5-2 victory over Conejo Valley of Thousand Oaks, Calif., in the Little League World Series championship on Sunday night.

Curacao coach Michelangelo

Celestina said the early advantage was "very important, because it was the first time we were in a final game of the Little League World Series."

Teams from Curacao reached the international final game the previous three years, but lost each time to a team from Japan

California scored both of its runs in the top of the sixth, and had runners on first and third with two outs. James Brady grounded to first baseman Christopher Garia, who won a race to the bag for the final out.

It was the first Little League title for the tiny island in the Netherlands Antilles, and the first for any team from the Caribbean

The victory set off wild celebrations in Willemstad. Fireworks exploded after the last out as islanders watched on big-screen televisions. Caravans of cars snaked through the streets honking horns on the Caribbean island, while some revelers took to the streets on foot, dancing and partying.

Curação (6-0) never trailed going up 1-0 in the bottom of the ing a 1-1 count, Profar homered to left field — his first home run of the series - to make it 3-0

"I did all the things good I want-ed to do — hitting, defense," Profar said through an interpreter.

After that, Pineda (2-0) kept his team out of trouble

"He was throwing very hard," Celestina said. "I think the speed that he has is unbeatable."

It was almost a complete collapse for a California team that many expected to dominate. Coneio Valley committed just two errors in five games, but had three errors by the end of the third inning of the title game. On Saturday night. California shut out a Texas team that averaged more than 10 runs a game.

California's coaches refused to come to the postgame news con-

Curacao broke the game open in the third on a strange RBI double by Quincey van Blarcum. play in right field, but the ball bounced in front of him and over his body.

Charlton Martis scored easily, while Willie Rifaela and van Blarcum continued around the bases.

The runners appeared to be jammed when Rifaela held up at third and van Blarcum was caught halfway between second and third. But when Rifaela went home, the throw to the plate was off the mark, allowing Rifaela to score, making it 5-0.

In the consolation game, Lamar National Little League of Richmond, Texas, beat Linda Vista Little League of Guadalupe, Mexico, 5.0 Randal Grichuk's second hit of the game for Texas tied the record for hits in a series with 12.

Pujols collects 100th RBI, leads Cardinals to sweep

PITTSBURGH - Albert Puiols turned down a day off and then joined some elite company.

Puiols hit his 40th home run and reached 100 RBIs for the fourth consecutive season, and the St Louis Cardinals completed a three-game sweep of the Pirates with a 4-0 victory Sunday.

Pujols, who also hit his first triple of the season, became the fourth player to start his major league ca reer with four straight seasons with at least 100 RBIs. He joined Hall of Famers Al Simmons, Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams as the only players to

accomplish the feat.

"It's awesome," Pujols said. "It's tough to get 100 at this level, but I'm here to do the best I can to win. I don't care who they try to compare me to. I just want to be myself and try to get better every day. It's about winning That's why I'm here I want to be a winner and hopefully we'll get that opportunity this

Pujols was refreshed after being given Saturday off. It was just the sixth game he's missed

"I felt like yesterday was a good time to do it," he said. "My body was telling me I was so tired." Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said he consid-ered resting Puiols on Sunday, too.

"I told him no because I felt strong enough to go out and play," Pujols said. "We were facing a tough lefty and I needed to go out there and try to help us

Jason Marquis (13-4) held the Pirates to four hits in 71/3 shutout innings to win his 10th straight decision. He hasn't lost since the Pirates beat him 11-8 on May 26. He walked four and hit a batter as the Cardinals won their seventh straight game against the Pirates

"I was more than pleased," La Russa said. "It was a tough matchup against [Oliver] Perez, a hot day, the end of a road trip. It was an outstanding performance

Marquis said the heat and humidity didn't bother

"I felt great," he said. "I'm feeling real good physically and my mechanics have been good. Things have been going pretty well and my team has a lot to do with that. We've been playing real good baseball. I'm just glad to be part of it.

Ray King got one out in the eighth, and Julian Tavarez got four outs for his fourth save in St. Louis 10th shutout

Perez (9-7) had won three consecutive decisions and six of eight, but gave up three runs on five hits



St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols, right, is congratulated by teammate Scott Rolen after his home run in the eighth inning against the Pirates on Sunday.

"He had a couple of mistake pitches, but he certainly pitched well enough to win a game," manager Lloyd McClendon said.

The Pirates have lost nine of their last 12 — with seven of the losses to St. Louis. They were 1-7 in con-

secutive weekend series against the Cardinals. "We have a long way to go to get to their level," Pi-rates outfielder Rob Mackowiak said.

Pujols' triple keyed a two-run third inning against Perez that gave St. Louis a 2-0 lead. With one out, Roger Cedeno walked and scored when Puiols drive rolled to the notch in left-center field, the deep-est part of PNC Park. Pujols, who reached third standing, scored when Scott Rolen blooped a single just beyond shortstop Jack Wilson's reach.
"He's going about it the right way," La Russa said.
"He just tries to win the game and the numbers just

happen."
The Cardinals added a run in the sixth. Rolen led

off with a walk and scored two outs later when Mike Matheny's sinking liner fell for a double, then rolled away from left fielder Jason Bay.

Pujols hit Brian Meadows' first pitch of the eighth over the center-field wall to make it 4-0

The Cardinals are 18-6 on the road since the All-Star break.

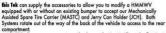
"There's a terrific attitude on this team," La Russa said. "The guys really push each other. This club has played at a really high level for a long time and that's hard to do. You have to dig deep and they do, every day.'

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Federer wins first match in Open

NEW YORK - Australian Open and Wimbledon champion Roger Federer began his quest for a third Grand Slam title this season by defeating former French Open champion Albert Costa 7-5, 6-2, 6-4 Monday in the first round of the U.S. Open.

Playing on an oppressively humid afternoon at the National Tennis Center, Federer came into the Open on a mission. He has progressed beyond the round of 16 in four previous apearances in the season's final Grand Slam.

But now he is seeded No. 1, the pre-tournament favorite, and he played an efficient first-round match against Costa, who is more at home on clay than the hard courts of the Open. Federer took 2 hours, 4 min-

utes to beat Costa, who had split four previous matches with the top seed.
"I lost the last two times I

played him, once on clay, once on hard," Federer said. "He knows how to beat me Not on Monday. Blasting serves

as fast as 129 mph, Federer delivered 11 aces to one for Costa and won easily. Earlier, third-seeded Carlos

Mova got an early scare from wild-card entry Brian Baker. dropping the first set before recovering to defeat the 19-year-old 6-7 (8-6), 6-4, 6-4, 6-2

Equipped with the highest Grand Slam ranking of his career, Moya came into the Open off a strong season. He reached the quarterfinals at Cincinnati and at the Olympics, losing to the eventual champion both times. So Baker, making just his second appearance in this event, seemed to

be an easy first-round draw. But the teenager got an early lead in the opening set and then won the tiebreak, even after losing a lead

After that, however, Mova es-

tablished control. He ripped 24 aces and 66 winners in the match that stretched 3 hours 7 minutes Second-seeded Amelie Maures-

mo defeated American Marissa Irvin 6-4, 6-2 in the opening match of the tournament. Mauresmo waited

20-minute rain delay at the start and then wore down Irvin method-ically. She hit 18 winners and had seven aces, six in the second set. A semifinalist or better in eight

of 12 tour events this year, including Wimbledon, Mauresmo overcame four double faults and won percent of her first-serve points. She converted all four of her break-point opportunities and finished the match in 1 hour, 13

In other early matches, former Wimbledon champion Conchita Martinez lost to 31 Maria Vento-Kabchi 0-6, 6-2, 6-3 and Ai Sugiyama, seeded No. 12, took advantage of 38 unforced errors and defeated Teryn Ashley 7-5, 6-2.

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Barry Bonds follows through on a fifth-inning home run Sunday night against the Atlanta Braves. It was Bonds' second homer of the game and 696th of his career. He finished 4-for-5 with six RBIs as the Giants beat Atlanta 9-5, tying San Diego and Chicago for the wild-card lead.

Bombs away, Barry!

Bonds reaches 696 with two mammoth home runs; Giants beat Braves to gain share of wild-card lead

The Associated Pres

ATLANTA — Barry Bonds is counting home runs, not the distance they travel.

"Who cares where it goes," he said. "As long as they go over the yellow line."

Bonds hit two mammoth two-run homers — giving him 696 in his career — and went 4-for-5 with six RBIs Sunday night, leading the San Francisco Giants to a 9-5 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

The home runs that flew an estimated 929 feet were the second and third longest in Turner Field history. Bonds added a two-run single in the sixth inning to help end Atlanta's season-best, six-game winning streak.

Bonds had a chance for his first five-hit game in the eighth, but rookie right-hander Roman Colon struck him out with a sinker. "I was tired," Bonds, smiling,

"I was tired," Bonds, smiling, said during a 10-minute session with reporters. "I saw eight baseballe"

He was not surprised that the Braves ignored a common trend and nitched to him.

"They're going to win their division so there's no need to walk me," said Bonds, who has drawn 183 walks 93 of them intentional

183 walks, 93 of them intentional.
"I don't believe they were trying to groove it, but they were
pitching to him," San Francisco
manager Felipe Alou said.
As Bonds trotted around the

bases after ripping his first homer, a belt-high fastball frox Russ Ortiz (13-7) that flew 467 feet into the right field stands in the third inning, the partisan Atlanta fans stood and cheered. When he trotted out to left field after giving the Giants a 2-0 lead,

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fans seated there gave him another standing ovation.

The blast, the second longest ever at the stadium that opened in 1997, scored J.T. Snow, who had singled. The homer was bested only by Sammy Sosa's 471-foot shot on Sept. 1, 2001.

Bonds hit his 38th in his next at-bat in the fifth, also after a single by Snow, who had three of San Francisco's 14 hits.

Bonds drilled an 88 mph fastball from Ortiz into the same area. This one went 462 feet, gave the Giants a 5-2 lead, and produced another standing ovation.

"We wanted to pitch to him in those situations. But, certainly we wanted to make better pitches," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said.

It was the fourth multihomer game of the season for Bonds and the 68th of his career, breaking a tie with Mark McGwire and placing him second only to Babe Ruth's 72. Bonds has four career three-homer games.

The Braves lead the NL East by 3½ games over Florida.

The Giants trail Los Angeles by five games in the NL West but are one percentage point behind Chicago and San Diego in the wild card race.

Astros 10, Cubs 3: Jeff Bagwell capped a big weekend with three hits and Lance Berkman homered as Houston climbed back into the NL wild-card race by taking three of four at Chicago. The Astros, who have won 11 of 14, trail wild-card leaders Chicago, San Diego and San Francisco by four games heading into the last month of the season.

Carlos Hernandez (1-1) earned his first major league victory since Sept. 7, 2002. Bagwell was 10-for-18 with seven RBIs in the series.

Marlins 8, Rockies 4: A.J. Burnett (5-6) struck out a team-record 14 in eight innings and Miguel Cabrera and Mike Lowell homered to help host Florida complete a three-game sweep and move within four games of the wild-card lead.

Shawn Estes (13-6) allowed eight runs in five innings for the Rockies, who have lost seven straight and 12 of 14

Phillies 10, Brewers 0: Cory Lidle (8-12) homered and threw a four-hitter for his second shutout of the season as the host Phillies extended Milwaukee's losing streak to 11.

Marlon Byrd hit a grand slam for Philadelphia, which has just six victories in its last 16 games, all against the Brewers.

Dodgers 10, Mets 2: Robin Ventura hit his 17th grand slam, tying Jimmie Foxx and Ted Williams for fourth place on the career list Kazuhisa Ishii (13-6) beat Kris Benson (10-11) as visiting Los Angeles maintained a five-game lead in the NL West.

Padres 11, Expos 3: David Wells (9-7) won his seventh consecutive road decision and helped himself with an RBI single. Ryan Klesko and Khalil Greene each hit two-run homers for visiting San Diego.

Reds 6, Diamondbacks 2: Edgar Gonzalez held Cincinnati hitless through six innings, only to have Adam Dunn's 39th homer trigger a rally that carried the Reds past visiting Arizona.

Rampaging Red Sox have Yankees in their sights

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox are brimming with confidence and gaining ground on the New York Yankees in the AL East.
"I think we can beat any team

right now," outfielder Johnny Damon said after the Red Sox beat Detroit 6-1 on Sunday for their sixth straight victory. "Our team is rising up." It sure is — and fast. The Red Sox. a season-high 10½ games be-

hind the first-place Yankees just two weeks ago, have cut the deficit to 4½ games, the closest they've been to first since June 23. New York lost 6-4 at Toronto. "We've all known the whole year that we can do this," Mark

year that we can do this," Mark Bellhorn said. "You want to get hot in the end." Tim Wakefield (11-7) allowed

three hits in eight innings to help Boston win its 11th in 12 games. New York's Alex Rodriguez, who went 4-for-4 with a homer and a walk in the Yankees' loss, still isn't worried about Boston. Roundup

"They are playing extremely well, but we're in the driver's seat," Rodriguez said. "This game is about runs and they are in the best run of the year."

The Red Sox ended a stretch of 26 games — 23 against teams below. 500 at the time of the game — in which they won 20. Next up are consecutive three-game home series against Anaheim and Texas, their closest pursuers in the AL wild-card race.

"On Tuesday night, you get a chance to set the tempo for the rest of the series," said Curt Schilling, who starts the opener against the Angels.

Wakefield gave up Nook Logan's double in the third, Craig Monroe's 10th homer in the fifth and Logan's single in the eighth.

The Red Sox scored four runs in the fifth off Wilfredo Ledezma (3-2) and two in the seventh on Bellhorn's 14th homer against Craig Dingman. The Red Sox outscored the Ti-

gers 20-6 and outhit them 42-22.
"Coming here or anywhere
else, when you score that many
runs in four games, you're going
to lose," Detroit manager Alan
Trammell said.

Blue Jays 6, Yankees 4: Carlos Delgado homered in a five-run seventh and the Blue Jays ended a five-game losing skid after a power outage delayed the start for about an hour.

Miguel Batista (10-10) allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings to win for the first time since July 23, a span of seven starts. Jason Frasor gave up a solo homer to pinch-hitter Jorge Posada in the ninth before finishing for his 17th save.

With approximately 11,000 fans in the stands an hour before the game, SkyDome went black for a few minutes before the emergency lights came on. A spokesman for Hydro One, an Ontario power company, said a raccoon

blow at a nearby power station.

Mike Mussina (9-8) remained

winless in four starts since coming back from an elbow injury that sidelined him for nearly six weeks. He gave up five runs and five hits in 61/3 innings.

Athletics 9, Devil Rays 6: Billy McMillon hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth and the A's completed a three-game sweep of the Devil Rays to finish 7-0 on a homestand for the first time in 12 years.

Mark Mulder was in position to become the majors' first 18-game winner until Octavio Dotel (4-1) gave up consecutive homers to Aubrey Huff and Jose Cruz with two outs in the ninth, tying it 6-6.

Angels 4, Twins 2: Adam Kennedy hit a two-run homer off Juan Rincon (10-6) in the bottom of the ninth to win it.

Jose Guillen doubled home the tying run in the sixth for his 100th RBI and Troy Glaus went 0-for-2 with two walks in his first game back after being sidelined for more than 31/2 months with a shoulder injury.

Orioles 7, Rangers 6: Melvin Mora drove in four runs and the visiting Orioles snapped a season-high 12-game losing streak, their longest since dropping the final 12 games of the 2002 season.

Sidney Ponson (9-13) allowed five runs and 12 hits —11 of them singles — in seven innings, but won for the sixth time in his last seven decisions.

Indians 9, White Sox 0: At Cleveland, Scott Elarton (3-3) pitched a two-hitter for his first career shutout and Casey Blake hit two of the Indians' four homers and drove in four runs.

Travis Hafner and Ronnie Belliard also connected for Cleveland in the fastest game in Jacobs Field history, 1 hour, 56 minutes.

Mariners 5, Royals 4: At Seattle, Ichiro Suzuki went 3-fort-et with a homer and scored three runs. Suzuki, chasing George Sisler's big league season record of 257 hits in 1920, has 209.

Ron Villone (5-4) pitched three scoreless innings to win it.

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Classic Greek drama



U.S. athletes found triumph, heartbreak in Athens

BY LARRY MCSHANE

ATHENS, Greece
ittle things meant a lot in Athens: a tear from Mia
Hamm's eye, or a smile across Jennie Finch's
mouth, was as good as gold.

A pair of abandoned wrestling shoes, size 13, signaled goodbye for Rulon Gardner. A track baton, about a foot long, turned to kryptonite as the U.S. women's 400-meter relay team fumbled the last medal hopes of Sydney super

These snapshots make up the bigger picture in Athens: 17 days of emotion and excitement in the birthplace of the Games, 108 years after the first modern Olympiad in the same Mediterranean city.

Athletes followed the ancient footsteps of a doomed distance runner from Marathon, or collected medals in arenas long reserved for Olympic ghosts.

The Americans embraced the history and made a little themselves: They broke the 100-medal mark to eclipse their team goal. With 103 medals (35 gold, 39 silver, 29 bronze), they topped the Athens medal chart and enjoyed their largest haul since Barcelona's 108 in 1992.

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For the U.S. team, the journey began once Michael Phelps plunged into the Olympic pool. When he finally toweled off for the last time, the 19-year-old had a record-tying eight medals — six gold, two bronze in the first eight days of the Games.

The classy youth demonstrated grace beyond his years by surrendering his spot in the 400-meter medley relay final to his teammate and top rival, Ian Crocker.

Even Mark Spitz, whose record seven golds in a single games survived Phelps' onslaught, never turned that trick. Crocker won, too, as the U.S. swimmers ruled the Olympic pool, winning 12 golds and 28 medals.

Phelps led a bright new generation of U.S. Olympians: softball pitcher Finch and sprinter Justin Gatlin, soccer's Heather O'Reilly and hoopster Diana Taurasi, boxer Andre Ward and gymnast Carly Patterson — gold medal winners all.

The old guard, some ending long Olympic journeys, left their successors a legacy. Hamm, Joy Fawcett and Julie Foudy retired after winning their golds in an overtime thriller. Dawn Staley, Lisa Leslie and Sheryl Swoopes won their third straight basketball gold; Staley won't be back, either.

Gardner, who settled for a bronze after nearly dying two years ago after a snowmobile accident, provided an unforgettable tableau: tears streaming down the face of the super heavyweight as he deposited his shoes in the middle

of the mat and walked away from his sport for good. Yes, there is crying in wrestling. Or there is if you're Rulon Gardner. But that's the way things went in Athens.

Not even Nostradamus, in his most outrageous quatrain, could have predicted such drama and delight. The Games were preceded by massive cost overruns, blown construction deadlines and dire predictions. This would be "Fear and Loathing in Athens," with the specter of terrorists supplying the first and the Americans targeted for the latter.

But it never came to pass, and the U.S. teams even turned the occasional, relatively mild anti-American out-burst into motivation.

"The audience — there was a love-hate relationship," explained 100-meter gold medalist Gatlin, who also took home a silver and a bronze. "Every time I stepped out on the line, I had chills. It was electrifying."

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